

## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. D. W. Moore, Jr. *SSM*FROM : S. S. Mignosa *SSM*SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANTUNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION1 - Mr. J. B. Adams  
1 - Mr. J. B. Hotis  
1 - Mr. D. W. Moore, Jr.

DATE: 7/11/78

1 - Mr. J. O. Ingram  
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1 - Mr. S. S. Mignosa  
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PURPOSE: To advise of allegations made by former Bureau Klan informant, Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., to Alabama authorities concerning his participation in violent actions while serving as an informant for our Birmingham Office.

SYNOPSIS: Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., a Klan informant between May, 1960, and January, 1966, supplied information to the Alabama Attorney General's Office concerning an alleged murder of a black man which he committed in 1963, and which was allegedly reported to the FBI. In addition, speculation was made by State investigators that Rowe was involved in a number of bombings and in the possible slaying of a civil rights worker. Contact with Birmingham Field Office and a review of FBIHQ informant files reveals no indication that the Bureau was aware that such activity might have been engaged in by Rowe.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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DETAILS: Rowe, a Klan informant of the Birmingham Office between May, 1960, and January, 1966, recently supplied information to the Alabama Attorney General's Office which appeared in a series of articles in the 7/9 and 11/78, editions of the "New York Times." The articles indicated the following:

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Memorandum to Mr. D. W. Moore, Jr.  
Re: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

1) While an informant of the Bureau in 1963, Rowe shot a black man to death, then kept quiet about the killing at the instructions of his case Agent.

2) Rowe may have been involved in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham in 1963, which resulted in the death of four young girls.

3) Rowe may have been involved in the firebombing of the home of A. G. Gaston, a black millionaire in Birmingham, as well as setting off explosives in a black neighborhood.

4) Rowe may have been a participant in the slaying of civil rights worker, Viola Liuzzo.

It should be pointed out at the outset that the claim of shooting a black man in 1963, was the only statement actually made by Rowe in which he claims responsibility. The other items listed above are speculations and contentions made by unnamed investigators and authorities associated with a probe being conducted by the Alabama Attorney General's Office concerning various murders which occurred during the civil rights movement in the 1960's. These speculations are based in part upon State-conducted polygraph examinations which were administered to Rowe.

In order to resolve these allegations, contact was made with Supervisor [redacted] and SA [redacted] of the Birmingham Office, who have been assisting the Alabama Attorney General's Office in its probe and have extensively reviewed Rowe's informant file, as well as the file on the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church. In addition, Rowe's informant file has been reviewed at FBIHQ.

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Regarding the allegation that Rowe shot a black man in 1963, and subsequently advised his case Agent, no indication whatsoever could be located in field or Headquarters informant files which would substantiate such an incident.

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As has been pointed out in the "New York Times" article, the former FBI case Agent in this matter (Byron McFall) was interviewed by a "New York Times" reporter and labeled the account, "an absolute falsehood." [REDACTED]  
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There was also no indication in Birmingham files that Rowe was involved in the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing, any other bombings, or the shooting of Viola Liuzzo. File reviews reveal that after the 16th Street Baptist Church was bombed, Rowe was contacted by his case Agent and asked whether he knew anything about the bombing. He indicated that he did not. Files also reflect that Rowe had testified during the trial of the killers of Liuzzo to the fact that he had been in the car with ~~three~~ other Klansmen when the murder occurred, but had not, himself, participated in the shooting. The other ~~three~~ Klansmen were convicted of this crime.

It should be noted that Rowe has made numerous claims in the past concerning his participation in violence while an informant. Files indicate that Rowe was constantly advised by his case Agent to avoid violence and to contact the FBI Office when he thought violence might occur. Birmingham points out that there is nothing in Birmingham files which indicates that Rowe was involved in the crimes he admits or is alleged to have participated in. This does not discount the fact that he might have been without Bureau knowledge.

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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

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LEGAT TOKYO INDICES AS SEARCHED BY [REDACTED]

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TO : H. N. Bassett

DATE: 7/27/78

FROM : *EL* Colwell

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

PURPOSE:

To establish a file pertaining to captioned inquiry.

DETAILS:

An administrative inquiry into allegations pertaining to Rowe's past activities and the Bureau's handling of him is being conducted.

It is requested a file be opened to record communications pertaining to the inquiry.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Records Management Division open a file pertaining to the administrative inquiry and furnish the file number to OPR.

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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

REBUCAB, 7/14/78.

A REVIEW OF INDICES MAINTAINED BY LEGAT, MANILA LOCATED NO  
INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH CAPTIONED SUBJECT OR ANY OF THE NAMES AND  
ORGANIZATIONS SET OUT ON PAGE TWO OF REFERENCED COMMUNICATION.

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INQUIRY.

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NO REFERENCES TO ANY NAMES OR CAPTIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)  
RETEL IN FILES OF LEGAT, HONG KONG.

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<p>ALL SACS AND LEGAL ATTACHES      GARY THOMAS ROWE JR.</p> <p>IMPLEMENT INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH AND FURNISH RESULTS OF YOUR EFFORTS BY TELETYPE TO FBIHQ, ATT OPR, RM 7650, BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS MONDAY, JULY, 17, 1978;</p>		

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TO DIRECTOR (PRIORITY)

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ATTENTION OPR, ROOM 7650 JEH.

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT,  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS, DATED JULY 14, 1978.

SEARCH OF ALBANY INDICES DENOTES ONLY REFERENCE  
IN ALBANY IDENTICAL TO NAMES LISTED IN ITEM ONE IN RE TELETYPE  
IS ALBANY FILE 157-65, CAPTIONED "BAPBOMB, BOMBING OF THE  
16TH STREET CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA",  
WHICH CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME OF EIGHT SERIALS.

ALBANY FILE 100-20218 CAPTIONED "FREEDOM AND PEACE PARTY,  
INFORMATION CONCERNING, OO: NEW YORK", CONTAINS A REFERENCE  
TO A [REDACTED]

THIS FILE CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME OF 56 SERIALS.

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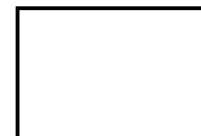
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ATTN: OPR, 7650 JEH.

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

REBUTEL TO ALL SAC'S, JULY 14, 1978.

NO REFERENCES LOCATED IN ANCHORAGE INDICES OF ROWE, HIS  
AKA'S, OR ANY OF THE CASES LISTED ON PAGE TWO, LINES SIX THROUGH  
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FM LITTLE ROCK (157-0)

TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

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ATTENTION: OPR, ROOM 7650.

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT. ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, JULY 14, 1978.

REVIEW OF LITTLE ROCK INDICES INDICATES ONE FILE  
IDENTICAL WITH BAPBOMB, BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET CHURCH,  
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963, IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, LR 157-217, **EX 110**, **REC 32**, **62-118023-8**  
WHICH HAS BEEN DESTROYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING BUREAU  
INSTRUCTIONS. NO OTHER REFERENCES IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT OR AUG 1 1978  
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FM KANSAS CITY (157-465) RUC

TO DIRECTOR (PRIORITY)

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ATTENTION: OPR - ROOM 7650

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.; FORMER KLAN INFORMANT - ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

RE BUTEL TO ALL OFFICES, JULY 14, 1978.

KANSAS CITY INDICES NEGATIVE ON ALL NAMES, WITH THE  
FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

KC FILE 157-465 WAS OPENED AT KANSAS CITY ON MAR. 30,  
1965, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MONITORING AND REPORTING RESULTS  
OF A "PRAYER VIGIL IN MEMORY OF MRS. VIOLA G. LUZZO,  
RECENT FATAL VICTIM - MAR. 30, 1965."

THE 157-465 CASE HAD A TOTAL OF TWELVE SERIALS.  
SEVEN OF THE SERIALS PERTAIN TO THE COVERAGE AND REPORTING  
OF THE PRAYER VIGIL.

KANSAS CITY, ON NOV. 23, 1965, WAS IN RECEIPT OF A  
TELETYPE, MOBILE (44-1245) TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM,

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KANSAS CITY, NEW ORLEANS, NEW YORK, SAVANNAH, AND ST. LOUIS  
CAPTIONED [REDACTED] ETAL; VIOLA GREGG LUIZZO; ETAL -  
VICTIMS, CR - EL. THIS TELETYPE REQUESTED THE PRESENCE  
OF A NUMBER OF AGENTS AT CONFERENCE AT BIRMINGHAM OFFICE,  
NOV. 24, 1965. SA [REDACTED] OF KANSAS CITY WAS  
REQUESTED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. THE TELETYPE WAS  
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THE TELETYPE ADDITIONALLY INSTRUCTED THAT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] KANSAS CITY DIVISION, (AMONG OTHERS) SHOULD BE  
AVAILABLE TO BE CALLED FOR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY.

BUREAU WAS ADVISED SUBSEQUENTLY THAT SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS THEN ASSIGNED NEW YORK DIVISION.

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CAPTIONED [REDACTED] WILLIAM ORRVILLE EATON;  
[REDACTED] VIOLA GREGG LUIZZO - VICTIM,  
CR - ELECTION LAWS, WHICH WAS A SYNOPSIS OF THE VIOLA  
GREGG LUIZZO CASE.

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OTHER INDICES REFERENCES FOR  NOT KNOWN  
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ATTENTION - OPR, ROOM 7650

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT,  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE JULY 14, 1978.

FOR INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, SEARCH OF KNOXVILLE  
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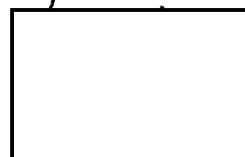
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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS DATED JULY 14, 1978.

NORFOLK INDICES SHOW ONLY FOLLOWING REFERENCES PERTINENT TO THIS INQUIRY:

1) NORFOLK FILE 157-2355-1051. (TWO PAGES) REPORTS THAT ON MARCH 14, 1972, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COMMENTED THAT WHEN GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. WAS LOCATED, HE WOULD BE LIQUIDATED. THIS IS ONLY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO ROWE IN THIS SERIAL.)

2) NORFOLK FILE 157-173 ENTITLED "BAPBOMB, OO: BH, BH FILE 157-352, BUREAU FILE 157-1025," CONTAINS EIGHT SERIALS FOR A TOTAL OF 14 PAGES CONSISTING OF PRIMARILY COMMUNICATIONS

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FROM BIRMINGHAM WITH NO MENTION OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
CONTAINED THEREIN.

NORFOLK REFERENCES DO NOT SHOW ANY CONTACT WITH GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. BY ANY OF THE PERSONNEL OF THE NORFOLK DIVISION OR ANY CONTACT BY ROWE AT THE INSTRUCTION OF ANY OF THE PERSONNEL IN THE NORFOLK DIVISION AT ANY TIME. IN FACT, NORFOLK REFERENCES DO NOT SHOW ANY CONTACT OF ROWE BY ANYONE.

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ATTENTION OPR ROOM 7650

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES, JULY 14, 1978.

FOLLOWING AN INDICES SEARCH FOR ALL REFERENCES CONTAINED  
IN REFERENCED TELETYPE, THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL HAS BEEN  
IDENTIFIED, COLLECTED AND SECURED. TITLE: BAP BOMB,  
JACKSONVILLE FILE 157-584, THREE VOLUMES, 168 SERIALS; TITLE:

[REDACTED] ET AL; VIOLA LIUZZO; ET AL - VICTIMS, CR -  
ELECTION LAWS, JACKSONVILLE FILE 44-487, THIRTEEN SERIALS.

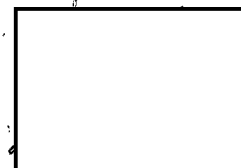
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INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, OO: BIRMINGHAM,

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JACKSONVILLE FILE 157-688-131, ONE SERIAL. REFERENCE TO

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FEBRUARY 16, 1964, BOMBING MATTERS, JACKSONVILLE FILE  
157-715-44, ONE SERIAL. REFERENCE TO [REDACTED] IN  
TITLE ACQUISITION OF WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES BY KLAN AND  
KLAN TYPE GROUPS, RACIAL MATTERS, JACKSONVILLE FILE 157-903-11,  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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TO : MR. BIAMONTE *198*

DATE: 7/12/78

FROM : *dc* *8/4* COLWELLSUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRYPURPOSE:

To furnish you with background information and instruct that certain immediate action be taken by the FBI's Office of Professional Responsibility in preparation for an anticipated request for a preliminary investigation in connection with allegations being made surrounding the activities in the 1960's of Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., former Klan informant. There are attached copies of Mignosa to Moore memorandum dated 7/11/78 and news articles related to this matter, as well as a letter dated 7/12/78 from Senators Edward M. Kennedy and James Abourezk to Drew Days, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division of the Department, requesting immediate investigation.

DETAILS:

On 7/12/78, in a meeting in the office of Associate Director James B. Adams, attended by Deputy Associate Director John J. McDermott; Deputy Assistant Director James O. Ingram, Criminal Investigative Division; [redacted] Executive Assistant to Mr. Adams; Supervisor [redacted] Criminal Investigative Division; and me, the following matters were discussed:

On 7/12/78 Assistant Attorney General Phillip Heymann, Criminal Division of the Department, testified concerning this matter at a hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee chaired by Senator Kennedy. Subsequently, on 7/12/78, Senators Kennedy and Abourezk sent a letter to the Department of Justice indicating that it was their understanding that the Civil Rights Division was going to handle the investigation regarding allegations concerning Rowe. Senator Kennedy believes that the FBI should not handle the investigation.

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Memorandum to Mr. Biamonte  
Re: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

In a meeting on 7/12/78 between Mr. Adams and Deputy Attorney General Civiletti, Terry Adamson, Phil Jordan, and Mike Shaheen of the Department's Office of Professional Responsibility, Mr. Civiletti stated that the Department of Justice, in accord with an understanding between Judge Webster and Judge Bell, would not investigate the FBI. Mr. Civiletti stated the FBI would handle its own.

Briefly, the allegations involving Rowe are as follows:

- (1) Rose killed a black man and allegedly told an FBI agent that he had done so. The FBI agent allegedly told Rowe to forget it.
- (2) The black man allegedly killed has not been identified, nor has it been determined that a black man was killed during the pertinent time period. The Attorney General stated on television on the night of 7/11/78 that the FBI was getting a "bum rap" with regard to this issue.
- (3) Rowe allegedly is involved in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama.
- (4) Viola Liuzzo, according to two individuals who were convicted, was shot by Rowe.

The Department of Justice is responding to the Kennedy letter and it is anticipated that this response will include the following:

- (1) The Department of Justice's Office of Professional Responsibility will review any action taken by the Civil Rights Division of the Department.
- (2) The Alabama State authorities will be asked for any and all information in their possession concerning Rowe.
- (3) The FBI's Office of Professional Responsibility is being requested to conduct a preliminary investigation.

Memorandum to Mr. Biamonte  
Re: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

ACTION:

Pending receipt of a letter from Mr. Shaheen, the following reviews should be instituted immediately by the Office of Professional Responsibility, Planning and Inspection Division:

(1) Deputy Assistant Director James O. Ingram, Criminal Investigative Division, has approved Supervisor [ ] to work with the Office of Professional Responsibility in connection with this inquiry. [ ] has been working with this matter over an extended period of time and reportedly is thoroughly familiar with most aspects of this matter. ✓

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(2) Promptly review the Headquarters file on Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., former Klan informant. (See Supervisor [ ] Legal Counsel Division, in connection with this review.) *being handled*

(3) Supervisor [ ] is contacting the staff of the Senate Select Committee on Government Operations for the purpose of obtaining the recorded interviews of the three or four agents who handled Rowe as an informant, as well as any testimony they may have furnished. [ ] will obtain copies of all matters discussed with the Committee by the agents. According to Mr. Adams, there is no indication former SA [ ] was interviewed; however, [ ] will resolve this in his contacts with the staff of the Committee.

(4) Review the testimony of Rowe contained in Volume VI, Intelligence Activities Report on the FBI by the Senate Select Committee on Government Operations, starting on page 114. Copies of this volume can be obtained either from Mr. Adams' office or the Legal Counsel Division.

(5) Contact Legal Counsel Division and obtain their xerox copies of the complete field informant file on Rowe and review same. *done.*

Memorandum to Mr. Biamonte  
Re: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

The foregoing matters should be handled in accord with the allegations set forth in Mignosa to Moore memorandum of 7/11/78 on page 2, numbered #1 through #4. Bear in mind the purpose of the above reviews and research is to determine what facts exist and to determine what proposed action should be taken to resolve these allegations. I anticipate that we will discuss any contemplated inquiries with Mr. Shaheen in advance. This will be for the purpose of insuring that our inquiries will result in accurate responses to the issues and to coordinate our inquiries with Mr. Shaheen's inquiries in connection with the Civil Rights Division in the Department of Justice.

Handle promptly.

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Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., was an informant of the FBI between May, 1960, and January, 1966. Regarding the allegation that Rowe shot a black man in 1963 and subsequently advised the FBI, no information whatsoever to substantiate such an incident has been located. Former Special Agent Byron McFall, [REDACTED] who was Rowe's agent handler at the time of the alleged shooting, has told the "New York Times" that this allegation is "an absolute falsehood." Additionally, in connection with other speculation regarding this matter, there is no indication in FBI files that Rowe was involved in the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, any other bombings, or the shooting of Viola Liuzzo. Our files indicate that Rowe was constantly advised by his case agent to avoid violence and to contact the FBI office when he thought violence might occur. <sup>FBI was</sup> There ~~is~~ no information ~~in~~ ~~FBI files~~ to indicate that Rowe was involved in the crimes he admits or is alleged to have participated in.

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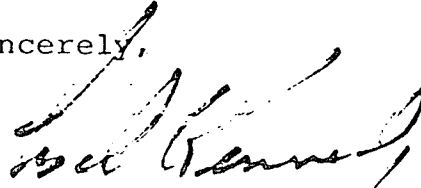
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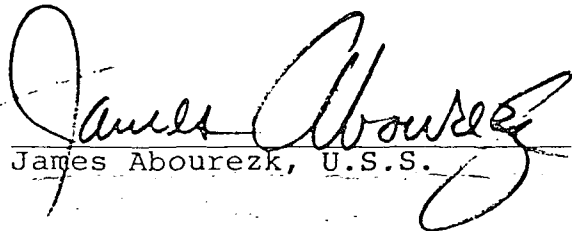
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Finally, we expect a full report on the results of the inquiry, including any determination regarding the propriety of procedures utilized and actions taken and the responsibility of any individuals involved.

Sincerely,

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Edward M. Kennedy, U.S.S.

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James Abourezk, U.S.S.

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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 12, 1978

Honorable Drew Days  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Days:

As you know, the Senate Judiciary Committee has been examining the policies, practices, and procedures of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the objective of developing a statutory charter governing Bureau investigative activities. We also remain mindful of our responsibilities for ongoing oversight of the Department of Justice and the FBI.

This morning, during hearings on the FBI Charter, Assistant Attorney General Heymann indicated that your Division has been given responsibility for investigating the allegations of Mr. Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr. regarding the commission of a violent crime during the time he was a government informer. Our committee, which is presently looking closely at the Informant Guidelines and the Department's procedures implementing them, is intensely interested in receiving a full report of the results of your inquiry.

We would thus appreciate your cooperation in the following respects:

First, we would like to be notified in detail of the methods of carrying out this inquiry at the outset. Who will be supervising the investigation, who will be involved in its day-to-day operations, what time targets have been set, and what are the general procedures contemplated to be used.

Second, we want a full report on the methodology used at the conclusion of the investigation, including those interviewed, the leads not followed, and all areas inquired into.

# Inquiry Shows F.B.I. Informant May Have Aided Klan Violence

By HOWELL RAINES

Special to The New York Times

ATLANTA, July 8—A renewed investigation by Alabama authorities into murders during the 1960's civil rights movement has indicated that the Federal Bureau of Investigation's chief paid informant in the Ku Klux Klan might have been an agent-provocateur who participated in and helped plan the incidents that the F.B.I. hired him to monitor.

The informant, Gary Thomas Rowe Jr., has failed two polygraph — lie detector — tests in which he denied involvement in the 1963 bombing that killed four black children at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, according to records compiled by the Alabama Attorney General's staff and the Birmingham Police Department.

## Statements Made to Police

Because of his "deceptive" answers on the polygraph tests Mr. Rowe is now suspected of having been in the group of Klansmen who planted dynamite at the church before dawn on Sept. 15, 1963. For five years, he received monthly payments of \$20 to \$300 from the F.B.I.

The reports of the polygraph examiners also indicated that Mr. Rowe was "attempting deception" in denying involvement in the firebombing of the home of A.G. Gaston, a black millionaire in Birmingham, and in setting off shrapnel bombs that, investigators said, were intended to maim passersby in a black neighborhood.

Mr. Rowe is also quoted in investigative files as having made incriminating statements in the presence of two Birmingham policemen about his role in the killing of Viola G. Liuzzo, a civil rights marcher shot to death near Selma, Ala., in 1965.

In Washington, a spokesman for the F.B.I. said today that the agency had "no comment" about allegations that Mr. Rowe had provoked violence while employed by the bureau. The spokesman, Tom Harrington, said he could not confirm reports that the agency had received copies of Mr. Rowe's polygraph tests.

Mr. Rowe's attorney could not be reached for comment.

The Luizzo case brought Mr. Rowe, a former nightclub bouncer, national attention in 1965 when his testimony, under F.B.I. protection and a grant of immunity from state and Federal prosecutors, sent three Birmingham Klansmen to prison.

## New Identity With F.B.I. Help

In 1975, wearing a hood to protect the new identity he has assumed with the help of the F.B.I., Mr. Rowe told the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Operations that the bureau had encouraged him to participate in acts of violence as part of his undercover work within the Klan. Shortly thereafter, Alabama authorities contacted Mr. Rowe in the hope that he might become a prosecution witness in their renewed investigation of the 1963 church bombing.

But after two polygraph tests and six hours of interrogation with Mr. Rowe, state investigators and Birmingham city detectives now contend that he may have been with Robert E. Chambliss in the car that delivered the bomb to the 16th Street Baptist Church. At the least, the investigators believe, Mr. Rowe probably had prior knowledge that the bomb had been planted and failed to report it to the Federal bureau in time to save the four young girls who died when it went off during Sunday services.

Mr. Chambliss, a 74-year-old Klansman, was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to life in prison last November for the bombing; In September and October, Mr. Rowe submitted to polygraph tests and questioning in California, where his attorney lived. At that time, the staff of Attorney General Bill Baxley of Alabama was preparing the case against Mr. Chambliss.

Investigative documents indicate that in the first polygraph test, Mr. Rowe "showed strong and consistent unresolved deception responses" when he said he was not with the group that planted the bomb at the church. The polygraph examiner concluded that Mr. Rowe "was attempting deception" in denying a role in that and two other bombings.

## Examiner Found Charts 'Deceptive'

Mr. Rowe then asked to be tested by a polygraph examiner of his own choosing. The second examiner also found his charts "deceptive" when he denied that he was present when the bomb was planted. The second examiner then added to his report to the Alabama Attorney General's Office an observation that has caused some difference of opinion among investigators.

"From a subjective point of view," the examiner wrote, "I should point out that the charts, even though they are deceptive by the criteria we use, are not what I would expect to see from a person who is actually responsible for the planting of the bomb."

"The charts are more consistent," the examiner continued, "with what we see when a person is withholding vital information, even though they are technically answering the question truthfully."

According to sources close to the investigation, the ranking Birmingham detective assigned to the case remains convinced that Mr. Rowe was in the car with Mr. Chambliss at the church, even if Mr. Rowe did not personally place the bomb against the church wall.

## Different Theory Is Offered

State investigators have suggested a different theory to explain the "deception" indicated by the polygraph tests and the "vital information" Mr. Rowe is suspected of withholding. Mr. Rowe, it is said, may have thought the bomb was supposed to go off around 4 A.M., before anyone came to the church for services.

The F.B.I. files, in fact, record a call from Mr. Rowe to an agent in Birmingham that Sunday morning in which Mr. Rowe asked if anyone had heard a bomb go off about daylight. Not long after Mr. Rowe hung up, the bomb at the 16th Street Church exploded. Mr. Rowe now denies having made the call to the F.B.I.

"My best estimate was that he knew in advance it was happening," said one investigator. "He thought it was going off at 4 A.M., but it went off and killed those kids, and then he can't come forward. How's he going to admit that he knew they were going to put a bomb out and then didn't tell? If he didn't help — if he just had prior knowledge — he's still got a problem. I don't believe the F.B.I. would have given him immunity."

In any event, state investigators have not ruled out the possibility that Mr. Rowe may have been with Mr. Chambliss at the church.

Meanwhile, they have developed information that contradicts Mr. Rowe's contention that he was not close to Mr. Chambliss, even though both were members of the Klan "action squads" that carried out "missionary work," the Klan euphemism for violent activity.



#### Pair Had 'Excellent Relationship'

Investigators assert, however, that the two men had "an excellent relationship" and that, in his undercover reports on the church bombing, Mr. Rowe guided Federal agents away from Mr. Chambliss. The files record Mr. Chambliss as having praised Mr. Rowe in by saying: "You can trust Rowe to kill a nigger and never talk."

Ironically, the picture of Mr. Rowe now being developed by the investigators seems to support the contentions of Klan leaders that Mr. Rowe purposely led Klansmen into violence so that he would have information to sell the F.B.I.

There have been news reports that Mr. Rowe — who testified that almost one-third of his 1964 income of \$5,600 came from the F.B.I. — was employed under a Federal-informant program in which participants were paid according to the volume and quality of information they supplied.

Investigative reports on a "double bombing involving shrapnel" that took place 10 days after the 16th Baptist Street

Church bombing have caused investigators to place some value on charges that Mr. Rowe may have helped stage the incident that he reported for pay.

#### Police Saw Him Near Scene

The Birmingham police spotted Mr. Rowe only four blocks from the scene of the two explosions. F.B.I. records state that Mr. Rowe telephoned in his report in the few minutes between the first and second explosions, and a polygraph examiner concluded that there was deception in Mr. Rowe's denial that he was directly involved.

Mr. Rowe's testimony in the Luizzo case has also raised questions about whether he was a participant or an undercover informant. In two state murder trials and one Federal conspiracy trial, Mr. Rowe admitted that he was in the car with three Klansmen who chased Mrs. Luizzo on a lonely stretch of highway between Montgomery and Selma.

Mr. Rowe contended, however, that he merely pretended to shoot at Mrs. Luizzo, and that one of his companions actually fired the shots that killed the Detroit woman, who had come to Alabama for the Selma-to-Montgomery march led by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The investigators have statements from two Birmingham policemen who quoted Mr. Rowe as indicating he was a participant in the slaying. Mr. Rowe has described one of the officers as a friend and a Ku Klux Klan sympathizer with whom he rode in a police patrol car.

might indicate the "withholding of vital information" rather than actual participation.

The investigative files contain speculation, based on those so-called lie-detector tests, that Mr. Rowe may now be caught between a desire for publicity and a fear of prosecution. In 1976, Mr. Rowe published a book entitled "My Undercover Years With the Ku Klux Klan," and the investigative records state that he is now trying to get a movie made about his life.

#### Named Nine Klansmen

Mr. Rowe, in his mid-40's and living in an undisclosed location, worked as an ambulance driver, nightclub bouncer and for a Birmingham dairy before he became an F.B.I. informant. In addition to monthly payments, Mr. Rowe wrote in his book, the F.B.I. also provided money for his Klan robe, dues, initiation fee and mileage on his car.

In 1976, Mr. Rowe gave the Alabama authorities the names of nine Klansmen who he said had been involved in the church bombing. But the polygraph results and contradictions in his subsequent statements to investigators raised the suspicion that he might have been in the car with Mr. Chambliss when the bomb was planted, according to a source close to the investigation.

Or, the investigators believe, Mr. Rowe may have known the bomb had been placed at the church and compromised himself by failing to tell the F.B.I. about it in time to save the four black girls who were killed in the explosion.

Mr. Rowe's testimony under immunity from prosecution led to one conviction arising from his days as an informer. That was in the Federal conspiracy trial of three Klansmen whom he accompanied in the car that chased Mrs. Liuzzo on a lonely stretch of highway. As he and his companions drew alongside Mrs. Liuzzo's speeding car, Mr. Rowe testified, he pointed his pistol out the window and pretended to fire, leaving the killing to one of his companions.

# F.B.I. Informant in Klan Asserts He Shot and Killed a Black in '63

By HOWELL RAINES

Special to The New York Times

ATLANTA, July 9 — The Federal Bureau of Investigation's chief paid informant in the Ku Klux Klan in the early 1960's has told the Alabama authorities that, while on the bureau payroll, he shot a black man to death, then kept quiet about the killing at the instruction of an F.B.I. agent, according to investigative documents.

The account given to the Alabama authorities by the informant, Gary Thomas Rowe Jr., has been denied by the agent Mr. Rowe named. A spokesman for the bureau said its files contained no record of such a shooting, which Mr. Rowe told investigators occurred during racial rioting in Birmingham.

Mr. Rowe, in turn, has accused the F.B.I. of having purged its files about his undercover work in Klan "action squads" in an effort to protect its own reputation, according to investigative records compiled by the Alabama Attorney General's Office and the Birmingham Police Department.

## 2 Polygraph Failures Cited

Mr. Rowe told Alabama investigators of the previously unreported killing while they were questioning him last year about the 1963 bombing that killed four black children at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham. The investigative documents show that Mr. Rowe has twice failed polygraph tests in which he denied direct involvement in that and two other bombings.

As a result of those tests, according to sources close to the renewed investigation into racial violence in Alabama in the 1960's, Mr. Rowe is now suspected of having acted as an agent provocateur, participating in the violent activity that the F.B.I. had hired him to monitor and help to plan it.

Byron McFall, the agent to whom Mr. Rowe said he reported the shooting, contended in a telephone interview that the informant's account was "an absolute falsehood." Mr. McFall, now a Federal judge in Oklahoma City, was an F.B.I. agent in Birmingham from 1958 to 1964. Mr. Rowe received monthly payments of \$20 to \$300 from the bureau for his reports

to Mr. McFall and others in the agency's Birmingham office between 1960 and 1965.

Mr. McFall said Mr. Rowe had fabricated the incident to "gain attention."

Because the polygraph tests indicated that Mr. Rowe was involved in other incidents of violence, however, the Alabama authorities are unsure what to make of the apparent confession. One theory investigators have developed is that, whether or not Mr. Rowe reported the shooting, it may actually have occurred and he may fear that it will be uncovered in the new inquiries.

Thus, in apparently confessing to a previously undisclosed crime, one of the investigative memos suggested, Mr. Rowe may have been bargaining for blanket immunity from state prosecution for whatever occurred while he was an undercover agent.

When the matter came up last October, Mr. Rowe and his attorneys were meeting in California with the Alabama authorities, who wanted Mr. Rowe to return to the state to testify against Robert E. Chambliss, the former Klansman later convicted of murder in the 16th Street Church bombing.

However, the Alabama Attorney General, Bill Baxley, gave up his plan to use Mr. Rowe as a prosecution witness after polygraph results indicated that on two occasions Mr. Rowe had given "deceptive" answers about the church bombing.

Mr. Rowe gained national attention in 1975, when, wearing a hood to protect the new identity he had assumed with the F.B.I.'s help, he told a United States Senate Committee that the F.B.I. had encouraged him to participate in acts of violence to gather evidence against the Klan.

## Testified on Slaying

Mr. Rowe had been in hiding since he testified in 1965, with F.B.I. protection, that he had been with the three Klansmen who killed Viola Liuzzo, a Detroit housewife who had come to Alabama for the civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery.

Mr. Rowe's account of the alleged shooting in 1963 is reported in a memo to a state prosecutor from the investigator who questioned him. Mr. Rowe was quoted as saying that while driving through a black section of Birmingham during one of the nights of rioting that followed turbulent demonstrations that year, he encountered a black man who was beating a woman and was forced to shoot the man to protect himself.

Mr. Rowe stated that he reported the shooting to a Birmingham police sergeant who was manning a barricade in the riot zone and later made a telephone call to Mr. McFall.

After checking with the police, Mr. Rowe alleged, the Federal agent called back and said that a black man had been shot through the eye. Mr. Rowe is quoted as saying that he responded: "This is not the one. I'm an excellent shot, and I hit this nigger right in the chest."

## 'You Killed Him'

According to the memo, Mr. Rowe said the F.B.I. agent again checked with the police and called back to say: "You're right. You killed him. The sergeant with

the B.P.D. recognized you?"

Mr. Rowe is said to have stated that the police sergeant did not know him. Mr. McFall is then quoted in the memo as saying to Mr. Rowe: "Just sit tight and don't say anything else about it."

The detective concluded, "Rowe is trying to get this crime under the immunity letter" offered him by the Alabama authorities in the church bombing case. "Rowe doesn't say so, but if this did happen," the investigator added, "Rowe would tell it now hoping to get immunity for the murder."

In another memo about the incident, the investigator concluded that Mr. Rowe had adopted the strategy of "trying to tell all his capital offenses for immunity now, so that later he can't be charged with the crime."

## 'Deception Responses'

Investigators apparently have neither found nor searched intensively for a shooting death to match Mr. Rowe's description. Because of the temper of those times in Birmingham and possible lapses in record-keeping on racial matters, a source close to the investigation said, the incident might be hard to substantiate if it did occur.

There is no record of Mr. Rowe's having been asked about the alleged shooting during the polygraph tests in which he was questioned about racial bombings in Birmingham in 1963.

The Alabama authorities began to regard Mr. Rowe as a suspect rather than a potential witness when a polygraph examiner concluded that he showed "strong and consistent unresolved deception responses" in denying he was in the group that placed the bomb at the 16th Street Church. A second examiner concluded that Mr. Rowe's "deception responses"

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# KIN OF KLAN VICTIM SEEK MORE ANSWERS

## Disclosures About F.B.I. Informer Fail to Satisfy Family of Woman Slain in Alabama

By REGINALD STUART

Special to The New York Times

DETROIT, July 11 — A member of the family of Viola Liuzzo, a Detroit-area woman slain in March 1965 while engaging in civil rights activities in Alabama, said here today that, despite recent newspaper and television disclosures on the involvement of a Government-paid informer in the shooting incident, many questions still remain.

And getting answers may be no easier for the woman's husband, Anthony, and her five surviving children now than before.

Mrs. Liuzzo was slain on March 25, 1965. The 31-year-old white woman was driving a black civil rights demonstrator from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., and was killed by shots fired from a passing car in which there were four white men. All four were members of the Ku Klux Klan in Alabama, and one was also an informer for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

ABC-TV presented a segment on the Liuzzo case on a news program last night. The dead woman's son, Anthony Liuzzo Jr., 23 years old, spoke in a brief telephone interview of the program, which raised the possibility that the F.B.I. informer might have fired the fatal shot. "It's right on line," he said, adding, "We've still got about 40 questions though about the whole thing and what the role of the Government was." The program, he said, presented "about 30 percent to 40 percent of what we have found."

The program also pointed out that polygraph tests for two people who said Mr. Rowe's role in the killing was greater than he had admitted indicated they were not lying, while Mr. Rowe's polygraph test indicated he was holding something back.

### \$2 Million in Damages Asked

The Liuzzos filed a \$2 million claim for damages against the Federal Bureau of Investigation last October but have not had any response from the agency.

An information officer for the F.B.I. said in Washington today that the agency's legal staff had indicated there would be no response until a formal suit was

filed against the agency. Lawyers for the American Civil Liberties Union, which represents the Liuzzo family, said that such an action was being contemplated.

The involvement of a Government informer in the death of Mrs. Liuzzo, then a student at Wayne State University here, came to light in December 1975 during hearings by the Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations With Respect to Intelligence Activities.

At those hearings, Gary Thomas Rowe Jr., one of the four persons in the car from which the fatal shots were fired, testified that he was a Ku Klux Klan member then but that he was also working as an informer for the F.B.I.

In their civil claim against the F.B.I., the Liuzzo family seeks damages on grounds that an employee of the bureau, namely Mr. Rowe, negligently and/or wrongfully failed to act to prevent the murder of Mrs. Liuzzo or may have participated in the act himself.

### 10-Year Sentences for Three

On the basis of Mr. Rowe's testimony in a Federal case against the other three persons in the car, the three Klan members were convicted on charges of violating Mrs. Liuzzo's civil rights. They were sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Mr. Rowe's testimony and a book he subsequently wrote discussing his F.B.I. work, "My Undercover Years With the Ku Klux Klan," were also the basis for legal action against the F.B.I. by another Michigan family, Walter and Frances Bergman of Grand Rapids. The Bergmans are seeking \$1 million in damages for injuries Mr. Bergman received May 14, 1961, in Anniston, Ala., when the bus on which he and a group of "Freedom Riders" were traveling was attacked by a band of angry whites.

Liuzzo case, largely on the basis of evidence provided by Rowe. They said Rowe fired the fatal bullet.

Rowe, who also appeared on "20/20," repeated his version: that he was riding in the car with the klansmen but did not fire a gun at Liuzzo.

ABC News then arranged lie detector tests for all three men, according to the "20/20" report. Rowe's answers indicated deception, the network said, while the accusations by the two klansmen "apparently held up."

*Contributing to this report was Special Correspondent Andrew Kilpatrick.*

# FBI Embroiled in Controversy Over Klan Informer in Alabama

By T. R. Reid

Washington Post Staff Writer

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is embroiled in a new controversy triggered by charges that a paid bureau informer was responsible for some of the bloodiest moments in the Ku Klux Klan's war against racial integration in the 1960s.

News reports this week have portrayed Gary Thomas Rowe Jr., the FBI's chief spy within the Klan from 1960-66, as an agent provocateur who personally shot civil rights demonstrators in Alabama and as a suspect in the bombing of a black church in Birmingham.

One account suggested that it was Rowe who fired the bullet that killed civil rights worker Viola Liuzzo after the freedom march on Selma, Ala., in 1965. Another said that Rowe admitted to the FBI that he had killed a black man with a gunshot in 1963—and was told by the bureau to keep quiet about it.

The FBI issued a statement yesterday saying its files contain no information to substantiate the recent charges against Rowe.

The bureau said "Rowe was constantly advised by his case agent to avoid violence and to contact the FBI when he thought violence might occur. The FBI has no information to indicate that Rowe was involved in the crimes . . ."

Rowe, who left Alabama for a new

life under a new name in California, could not be found to discuss the charges yesterday. He was not always reticent about his past, however. In 1976, he published a book about his life as an FBI undercover man, and acquaintances say he has been trying to sell movie rights to it.

Rowe was 29, the unemployed father of four, when the FBI recruited him in 1960 to infiltrate the Klan in Birmingham. The bureau paid him small sums at first, but by 1965, he later testified, he was receiving about \$300 a month to keep the FBI informed about Klan members and their plans.

Rowe was on or near the scene of some of the bloodiest confrontations of the civil rights movement in the South.

He was present when whites beat Freedom Riders in Birmingham in 1961. He was riding in the car from which Liuzzo was shot on a road outside Selma. An associate of his in the Klan, Robert Chambliss, was convicted last year of the 1963 bombing of Birmingham's 16th Street Baptist Church that killed four black children.

There has always been speculation about Rowe's personal involvement in these events. The questions arose anew last fall when Alabama authorities used lie-detector tests to see if he would be a reliable witness for the Chambliss prosecution.

Alabama Attorney General William Baxley, who re-opened the investiga-

tion of the church bombing in 1976, said Sunday Rowe's testimony on the case was too unreliable to use. But he said Rowe is not a suspect in the bombing.

Birmingham Police Capt. Jack LeGrande, however, said Rowe is a "prime suspect" in the case.

On Sunday, in the article that began the latest wave of charges about Rowe, The New York Times reported that Rowe's lie-detector answers were "deceptive"—suggesting, at least inferentially, that Rowe himself might have been involved in placing the bomb.

Yesterday the Times and the Birmingham Post-Herald both reported a new Rowe story: that he had admitted killing a black man in Birmingham during a black protest demonstration in 1963. The Times report said that Rowe said his superior in the FBI instructed him not to tell anyone about the killing.

The story noted that investigators have not found records to substantiate a shooting such as the one Rowe has reportedly confessed to. The FBI, in its statement yesterday, also said there is no record that such an incident occurred.

In a third Rowe story, the ABC-TV program "20/20" Monday night carried a report in which Rowe was accused of killing Liuzzo.

"20/20" carried interviews with two former Alabama klansmen who were convicted on federal charges in the

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(FBI INFORMANT)

WASHINGTON (UPI) - THE FBI SAID TODAY IT HAS NO INDICATION GARY THOMAS ROWE JR., A FORMER INFORMANT, WAS INVOLVED IN CRIMES HE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE COMMITTED WHILE SPYING ON THE KU KLUX KLAN IN ALABAMA DURING THE 1960S.

ROWE HAS BEEN TERMED A SUSPECT IN A CHURCH BOMBING THAT KILLED FOUR BLACK GIRLS IN 1953 AND HAS CLAIMED HE HIMSELF SHOT AND KILLED A BLACK MAN DURING THAT ERA AND WAS TOLD BY AN FBI OFFICIAL TO KEEP THE SLAYING QUIET.

"THE FBI HAS NOTHING TO INDICATE THAT ROWE WAS INVOLVED IN THE CRIME HE ADMITS OR IS ALLEGED TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN," INSPECTOR HOMER BOYNTON, HEAD OF THE FBI'S PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, SAID IN A STATEMENT.

ROWE WAS AN FBI INFORMANT BETWEEN MAY 1960 AND JANUARY 1966, BOYNTON SAID.

"REGARDING THE ALLEGATION THAT ROWE SHOT A BLACK MAN IN 1963 AND SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED THE FBI, NO INFORMATION WHATSOEVER TO SUBSTANTIATE SUCH AN INCIDENT HAS BEEN LOCATED BY THE FBI," BOYNTON SAID.

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The Handling of Informant Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., by the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel  
Office of Professional Responsibility

The New York Times and other newspapers have recently published several articles alleging possible improper actions by personnel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in dealing with ex-informant Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr. Please conduct an inquiry to resolve fully these allegations and report your findings directly to me. Whatever additional resources you require will be made immediately available.

Benjamin R. Civiletti  
Acting Attorney General

cc. Director, Federal  
Bureau of Investigation

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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: OPR

SUBJECT: Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr.

TO: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

ATTN: James B. Adams  
Associate Director

Attached are copies of two memoranda addressed to me from Acting Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti which direct that this Office oversee appropriate inquiries into the Bureau's handling of Mr. Rowe and into whether attorneys who participated in the prosecution of the civil rights case stemming from the murder of Ms. Viola F. Liuzzo had knowledge as to Mr. Rowe's alleged "unreliability" and/or criminal acts on his part. Also attached are copies of a letter from Senators Kennedy and Abourezk requesting that the Senate Judiciary Committee be fully informed as to the scope and methodology of the inquiries pertaining to Mr. Rowe and Acting Attorney General Civiletti's responses. Please initiate appropriate preliminary inquiries into these matters and report your findings to this Office. Mr. Civiletti has directed that these inquiries be conducted as expeditiously, but as thoroughly, as possible. Any questions regarding the scope or methodology of the inquiries may be directed to me or to Deputy Counsel Richard M. Rogers; he and/or I should be kept informed of all significant developments as they occur.

Because accounts have appeared in the media suggesting that relevant Bureau files may have been "purged" and to avoid the possibility of later questions or suggestions along this same line, we think it imperative that all FBI files which may in any way pertain to Mr. Rowe and his activities--both at Headquarters and in Field Offices--be collected, accounted for and appropriately secured. If any files or individual documents are found to be missing, because of administrative oversight or because of routine file destruction procedures or for any other reason, that fact should be forthwith reported to this Office.

Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel  
Office of Professional Responsibility

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## memorandum

DATE: JUL 13 1978

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SUBJECT: Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr.

TO: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel  
Office of Professional Responsibility

In 1965, Mr. Rowe testified under a grant of immunity at the trial of three members of the Klu Klux Klan for killing civil rights worker Viola G. Liuzzo. Recent articles in The New York Times suggest, in effect, that Mr. Rowe was an unreliable witness. Please conduct an appropriate inquiry to determine whether the Department attorneys who tried that case were aware of Mr. Rowe's alleged unreliability or suspected that he was unreliable. Your inquiry should include all persons who may have had knowledge regarding this matter. If in conducting this inquiry you should require additional personnel, I will see that they are provided.

Benjamin R. Civiletti  
Acting Attorney General

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cc: Drew S. Days, III  
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THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

July 13, 1978

Honorable James Abourezk  
United States Senate  
Committee on the Judiciary  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Abourezk:

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To my present knowledge, no component of the Department of Justice possesses any information lending credibility to either allegation. But because of the legitimate public interest in these allegations, I have directed that the following steps be taken.

(1) Assistant Attorney General Philip Heymann will open an inquiry with the Attorney General of Alabama requesting, on an expedited basis, any information in his possession or at his control which might indicate an unresolved homicide during the time period in which Rowe claims to have killed someone, or which might otherwise bear on the allegations raised in the media reports.

(2) I have directed the Department's Counsel on Professional Responsibility, Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., to conduct a preliminary administrative inquiry to determine whether there is any documentary evidence or present recollection to substantiate Rowe's reported allegation that he informed an FBI agent of his having killed someone.

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I have advised Mr. Shaheen that whatever additional resources may be required to resolve these matters fully will be made available by me immediately.

The Department appreciates your interest.

Sincerely,

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Benjamin R. Civiletti  
Deputy Attorney General

BRC:jb



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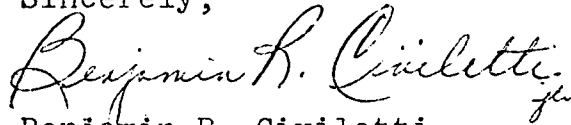
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Deputy Attorney General

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UNCLAS

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

REBUTEL TO AFO, JULY 14, 1978.

SALT LAKE CITY INDICES SEARCH LOCATED TWO REFERENCES:

(B) [REDACTED] SU FILE 80-73-11, JANUARY, 1968,  
NO DESCRIPTION AND, (C) BAPBOMB, BIRMINGHAM BOMBING, OCTOBER,  
1963, SU FILE 157-37. SALT LAKE FILE 80-73-11 DESTROYED UNDER  
THE ONE YEAR RULE, AND SALT LAKE FILE 157-37 DESTROYED UNDER  
THE FIVE YEAR RULE.

NO OTHER REFERENCE LOCATED.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI IMMEDIATE

ATTN: OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, ROOM 7650

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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, JULY 14, 1978.

A REVIEW OF SAN DIEGO FILES REVEALED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION  
AS REQUESTED IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION:

SAN DIEGO FILE 66-1714, ENTITLED SENSTUDY, CONTAINS FIVE  
SERIALS CONCERNING CAPTIONED SUBJECT; SAN DIEGO FILE 70-3203,  
ENTITLED THOMAS NEIL MOORE; DEPUTY U.S. MARSHAL; [REDACTED]  
VICTIM, CGR-ASSAULT, OO: SAN DIEGO, CONTAINS NINETEEN SERIALS;  
SAN DIEGO FILE 44-312, ENTITLED GARY THOMAS ROWE, AKA., THOMAS  
NEIL MOORE, FORMER RACIAL INFOMANT, CONTAINS TWENTY-EIGHT SERIALS;  
SAN DIEGO FILE 157-110, ENTITLED BAPBOMB, CONTAINS FIVE SERIALS;  
AND SAN DIEGO FILE 44-759, ENTITLED [REDACTED]

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NEIL MOORE, AKA., GARY THOMAS ROWE - VICTIM, CIVIL RIGHTS,  
OO: SAN DIEGO, CONTAINS SEVEN SERIALS.

SAN DIEGO INDICES CONTAINED A REFERENCE TO A THOMAS N. MOORE  
IN A CASE, SAN DIEGO FILE 89-63; HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO IDENTIFYING  
DATA. IT APPEARS THAT SAN DIEGO WAS AN AUXILIARY OFFICE AND THIS  
CASE WAS DESTROYED IN APRIL, 1978, DURING THE COURSE OF OUR  
REGULAR DESTRUCTION PROGRAM.

ALL OF THE MATERIAL IDENTIFIED WITH THE ABOVE CAPTIONED  
SUBJECT HAS BEEN COLLECTED AND IS BEING SECURED.

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TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY

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ATTENTION: OPR, ROOM 7650

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY.

REBUTEL JULY 14, 1978.

INDICES SEARCH CONDUCTED AT SAVANNAH AS INSTRUCTED IN RETEL  
AND THE FOLLOWING REFERENCES NOTED:

(A) GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AKA: SV FILE [REDACTED] MAIN  
SUBJECT, NINE SERIALS: REFERENCE TO SV 174-7-7, FILE DESTROYED  
JAN. 25, 1978, IN ACCORDANCE WITH FILE DESTRUCTION PROGRAM.

(B) [REDACTED] REFERENCE TO SV 87-9207, FILE DESTROYED  
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NO REFERENCES TO WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON OR [REDACTED]

(C) "BAPBOMB: SV 157-503, FILE CONSISTS OF TWO VOLUMES,  
245 SERIALS.

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(D) NO REFERENCES TO "THE BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED]

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ATTENTION OPR ROOM 7650.

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS, JULY 14, 1978.

MOBILE INDICES CONTAIN REFERENCE TO [REDACTED] 157-190-

4068, PAGE 9. THIS SERIAL IS A JACKSON REPORT OF SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DATED FEBRUARY 20, 1974, CONCERNING UNITED KLANS OF  
AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (BUFILE 157-370) IN  
WHICH ON PAGE 9 THE NAME [REDACTED]

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IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA. THIS FILE CONSISTS OF TEN VOLUMES AND 421 SERIALS.

MOBILE INDICES CONTAIN REFERENCE TO [REDACTED] (157-2078-105, PAGE 2). THIS REFERENCE IS A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE FROM THE MOBILE REGISTER ON APRIL 8, 1968, CONCERNING AN INCIDENT DURING WHICH BLACK STUDENTS AT TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE LOCKED TWELVE PROMINENT TRUSTEES IN A CAMPUS GUEST HOUSE AND HELD THEM HOSTAGE FOR SEVERAL HOURS UNTIL RELEASED BY THE NATIONAL GUARD. THIS ARTICLE IDENTIFIES A. G. GASTON AS A BIRMINGHAM BUSINESS MAN AND ATTORNEY WHO WAS ONE OF THE TRUSTEES HELD HOSTAGE.

NO REFERENCES WERE LOCATED CONCERNING GARY THOMAS ROWE AND ALIASES, WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, [REDACTED] VIOLA LIUZZO, OR [REDACTED]

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ATTN: OPR, ROOM 7650

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY, BUDED JULY 17, 1978.

RE FBIHQ TEL TO ALL SAC'S DATED JULY 14, 1978.

ONLY REFERENCE IN OKLAHOMA CITY FILES TO SUBJECT OR  
CASES REFERRED TO IN RE TELETYPE IS (C) BAPBOMB, OKLA. CITY FILE  
157-167, DATED SEPTEMBER, 1963. THIS FILE WAS DESTROYED ON  
NOVEMBER 26, 1977, IN MANDATORY FILE DESTRUCTION PROCEDURES  
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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS, DATED JULY 14, 1978.

SEARCH OF CHARLOTTE INDICES FOR ANY REFERENCES TO  
INDIVIDUALS AND CASES MENTIONED IN ITEM ONE OF REFERENCED  
BUREAU TELETYPE NEGATIVE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE PAGE  
LETTER DIRECTED TO THE BUREAU ON DECEMBER 14, 1977, IN CE  
FILE 157-0 ENTITLED BAPBOM; NEWS ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN  
DECEMBER 3, 1975 EDITION OF THE "CHARLOTTE OBSERVER", A  
CHARLOTTE, N. C., NEWSPAPER, ENTITLED "HOODED FBI SPY TELLS  
OF KLAN YEARS".

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CE FILE 157-402, WHICH WAS DESTROYED IN ITS ENTIRETY ON  
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THE ABOVE COMMUNICATION OF DECEMBER 14, 1977, AND  
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GARRY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY

RE BUJEAU TELETYPE, JULY 14, 1978.

A REVIEW OF THE INDICES OF BOSTON DIVISION CONCERNING NAMES  
OR CAPTIONS SET FORTH UNDER ITEMS A-D ON PAGE TWO OF REFERENCED  
TELETYPE LOCATED NO IDENTIFIABLE REFERENCES WITH THE EXCEPTION  
TO ITEM C "BAPBOMB, BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET CHURCH,  
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963 IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA", BOSTON FILE 157-  
149. A REVIEW OF THAT FILE DETERMINED THAT ONLY SERIALS 15-18  
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SERIALS BY AUXILIARY OFFICES.

THE AVAILABLE SERIALS OF BOSTON FILE 157-149 ARE IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS: SERIAL 15 - COVER PAGE A, ONLY, OF BOSTON REPORT SA  NOVEMBER 14, 1963 CAPTIONED "UNSUB; BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA - BOMBING MATTERS".

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SERIAL 16 - 3 PAGE BUREAU AIRTEL TO ATLANTA ET AL, "BAPBOMB" DATED OCTOBER 14, 1976.

SERIAL 17 - 1 PAGE BOSTON AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR "BAPBOMB" DATED OCTOBER 20, 1976.

SERIAL 18 - 2 COPIES, 3 PAGES EACH, OF BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, NOVEMBER 8, 1977 "BAPBOMB".

AS INSTRUCTED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE THE ABOVE SERIALS HAVE BEEN COLLECTED AND APPROPRIATELY SECURED.

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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY.

RE FBIHQ TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES DATED JULY 14, 1978.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LISTING OF ALL FILES, REFERENCES AND VOLUME OF MATERIAL IN POSSESSION FBI, PORTLAND PERTAINING TO CAPTIONED MATTER:

A. GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AKA  
NO IDENTIFIABLE REFERENCES.

B. [REDACTED]

MAIN FILE 88-8671 ON [REDACTED] NEGRO

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MAIN FILE 87-11536 ON [REDACTED] FILE DESTROYED. NO DESCRIPTIVE DATA.

REFERENCE 157-0-166. FILE DESTROYED. NO DESCRIPTIVE DATA. }

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REFERENCE 157-0-166. FILE DESTROYED. NO DESCRIPTIVE DATA. }

C. BAPBOMB

MAIN FILE 157-180 CONTAINING SEVEN SERIALS. ALL PERTINENT  
INFORMATION FORWARDED TO FBIHQ.

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MAIN FILE 42-8673 ON [REDACTED]

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ALL FILES INNUMERATED ABOVE WHICH HAVE BEEN DESTROYED  
WERE DESTROYED PURSUANT TO EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILE  
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BALTIMORE INDICES CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING REFERENCES  
IDENTICAL WITH THE NAMES AND INVESTIGATIONS LISTED IN REFERENCED  
COMMUNICATIONS:

BA 44-480; [REDACTED]

WILLIAM ORVILL EATON;

[REDACTED] -VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO-VICTIM; CR-ELECTION

LAWS". (FIVE SERIALS).

BA 157-755-"BAPBOMB" (17 SERIALS) ABOVE MATERIAL  
HAS BEEN COLLECTED AND SECURED.

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ATTENTION: OPR, ROOM 7650

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, JULY 14, 1978.

SAN ANTONIO INDICES REFLECTS SA FILE 157-251 CAPTIONED  
BAPBOMB, CONSISTS OF 38 SERIALS CONCERNING SUSPECTS NONE OF  
WHICH APPEAR IN NAMES LISTED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

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ATTENTION: ORR, ROOM 650, FBIHQ

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY, BUDED JULY 17, 1978

RE DIRECTOR'S TELETYPE TO ALL SAC'S JULY 14, 1978.

INDICIES AND FILE SEARCHES CONDUCTED, PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS  
IN REFERENCED TELETYPE, DISCLOSED FOLLOWING AS ONLY  
RELEVANT REFERENCES:

[REDACTED] WILLIAM ORRVILLE EATON; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS;

OO: MOBILE (PHILADELPHIA FILE 44-894) REC-128

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THESE FILES, CONSISTING OF ONE VOLUME EACH, HAVE BEEN,  
THIS DATE, REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL FILES OF THE PHILADELPHIA  
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ATTENTION: OPR, ROOM 7650

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY, BUDED: JULY 17, 1978.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SAC'S, JULY 14, 1978.

INDICES SEARCH NEGATIVE ON ALL SUBJECTS EXCEPT FOLLOWING:

BAPBOMB, BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 15,

1963, IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. OM FILE NUMBER 157-162,

CONSISTING OF FOUR SERIALS WITH A TOTAL OF NINE PAGES. FILE AUG 21 1978

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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE,  
DATED JULY 14, 1978.

FOR INFORMATION OF FBIHQ:

NEWARK INDICES REFLECT ONLY NEWARK FILE 157-1266, ENTITLED  
"BAPBOMB, BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 15,  
1963, IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA," PERTINENT TO REQUESTS BY FBIHQ  
SET FORTH IN RETEL.

NEWARK FILE, SUPRA, CONSISTS OF 18 SERIALS AND 1-A  
ENVELOPE CONTAINING FOUR PHOTOGRAPHS AND ONE PHOTOGRAPHIC  
NEGATIVE OF [REDACTED]

FURNISHED BY NEWARK, NJPD. [REDACTED] WAS SUSPECT DEVELOPED  
BY BIRMINGHAM, ALA., PD IN BAPBOMB MATTER. ALL SERIALS AND  
PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL RELATING TO NEWARK 157-1266 HAVE BEEN  
COLLECTED, IDENTIFIED AND SECURED IN POSSESSION OF SAC.

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INQUIRY.

REBUTEL, JULY 14, 1978.

LAS VEGAS OFFICE INDICES WERE CHECKED ON ALL NAMES LISTED  
IN SECTION ONE OF SECOND PAGE OF RETEL. THE INDICES CONTAINED  
NO RECORD ON ANY OF THE NAMES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BAPBOMB.  
LAS VEGAS FILE ON BAPBOMB IS 157-42, CONSISTING OF SEVEN SERIALS  
AND SIXTEEN PAGES. THE SERIALS ARE MAINLY INFORMATIONAL TYPE  
COMMUNICATIONS AND NO INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED IN LAS VEGAS  
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REBUTEL TO ALL SACS, JULY 14, 1978, BUDED JULY 7, 1978.

SEARCH OF INDIANAPOLIS INDICES AND FILES CONDUCTED WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

INDICES SEARCHED FOR ALL REFERENCES TO: (L) (A) GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AKA. TOMMY ROWE, THOMAS NEIL MOORE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DOB AUG. 15, 1930 OR AUG. 15, 1933, POB: SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, FBI NO. 921500B. INDIANAPOLIS INDICES

NEGATIVE; (B) [REDACTED] WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.; VIOLA LIUZZO-VICTIM, AUG 21 1978

CR-ELECTION LAWS, [REDACTED] - VICTIM. INDIANAPOLIS

INDICES NEGATIVE; (C) BAPBOMB, BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET

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ATTENTION: OPR. ROOM 7650

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
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RE DIRECTOR TELETYPE TO JACKSON, JULY 14, 1978.

1) NO REFERENCES JACKSON FILES TO NAMES GARY THOMAS  
ROWE, JR., AKA TOMMY ROWE, THOMAS NIEL MOORE, [REDACTED]

WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, [REDACTED] GARY THOMAS

ROWE, JR.. THERE IS ONE REFERENCE TO [REDACTED]

A WHITE MALE, BORN IN [REDACTED] UNDER JACKSON FILE

157-15893.

THERE IS A MAIN FILE ON BAPBOMB UNDER FILE NUMBER  
157-1273, WHICH CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME, CONTAINING 36  
SERIALS AND ONE 1A EXHIBIT. THERE ARE TWO REFERENCE TO

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[REDACTED] IN ONE HE IS DESCRIBED

AS A NEGRO MALE, PLACE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] DATE OF

BIRTH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

THIS CASE WAS CLOSED IN THE JACKSON DIVISION ON  
MARCH 24, 1977. THIS FILE CONS STS OF SEVEN SERIALS AND IS  
IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR RETRIEVAL. IT SHOULD BE POINTED  
OUT, HOWEVER, THAT [REDACTED] YEARS OF AGE IN  
THIS CURRENT DATE. THERE IS ALSO A FILE, 88-1430, ON

[REDACTED] THIS FILE HAS BEEN CLOSED AND IS DESTROYED.

2) THE MATERIAL CONCERNING THE ABOVE REFERENCES CONTAINED  
LESS THAN TWO VOLUMES OF MATERIAL.

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CHURCH, SEPT. 15, 1963, IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. INDIANAPOLIS  
CASE FILE 157-93. THIS FILE WAS REVIEWED AND NO REFERENCES  
TO GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. OR ANY OF HIS ALIASES OR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WERE LOCATED. (D) THE BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SEPT. 8, 1963. INDIANAPOLIS

INDICES NEGATIVE.

(2) INDIANAPOLIS CASE FILE 157-93 IS THE CASE FILE  
FOR BAPBOMB, BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET CHURCH, SEPT. 15,  
1963, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. NONE OF THE NAMES LOCATED IN  
SECTION 1 ABOVE ARE CONTAINED IN THIS FILE. FILE REFLECTS  
TANGENT INVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY THE PERPETRATORS  
OF BAPBOMB AND IS ONE VOLUME CONSISTING OF 83 SERIALS.

(3) INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION INDICES ARE NEGATIVE IN ALL  
PHASES OF NO. 1 WITH EXCEPTION OF BAPBOMB CASE FILE AND NO  
MATERIAL FROM THIS FILE HAS BEEN DESTROYED.

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ATTENTION OPR ROOM 7650

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS, JULY 14, 1978.

THE FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION REQUESTED IN REFERENCED  
TELETYPE:

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1. THE INDICES SEARCHES REQUESTED IN REFERENCED  
TELETYPE BY THE BUREAU WERE ALL NEGATIVE IN THE EL PASO DIVISION,  
EXCEPT FOR VIOLA LIUZZO-VICTIM, WHICH HAD A REFERENCE TO  
EP 105-77-47, AND FOR BAPBOMB, BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET  
CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963, IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WHICH HAD  
A REFERENCE TO EP 157-73.

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2. EP 105-77-47, IS A ONE SERIAL REFERENCE TO AN EL PASO

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HERALD-POST NEWSPAPER ARTICLE DATED MAY 14, 1965, BY AUTHOR INEZ ROBB, EDITOR R. W. LEE. NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ENTITLED "WAS FBI MAN AN ACCESSORY TO MURDER OF MRS. LIUZZO?". EP 157-73, IS A FILE IN THE EL PASO DIVISION THAT CONTAINS 12 SERIALS. THE FOLLOWING IS A LISTING OF THOSE SERIALS:

1. BIRMINGHAM AIRTEL TO BUREAU, DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 1963.
2. ATLANTA TELETYPE TO EL PASO, DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 1963.
3. EL PASO TELETYPE TO BIRMINGHAM, SEPTEMBER 21, 1963.
4. BIRMINGHAM AIRTEL TO BUREAU, SEPTEMBER 24, 1963.
5. EL PASO MEMO TO ALL AGENTS, DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 1963.
6. FD 302 REFLECTING INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1963, BY SA [REDACTED]
7. FD 302 REFLECTING INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 1963, BY SA [REDACTED]
8. EL PASO AIRTEL TO BUREAU, OCTOBER 3, 1963.
9. BIRMINGHAM LHM ENTITLED "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF THE GASTON MOTEL, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, MAY 11, 1963, BOMBING MATTERS, BUFILE 157-881, BIRMINGHAM FILE 157-241".
10. BIRMINGHAM AIRTEL TO BUREAU, DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 1963.
11. MEMO OF SA [REDACTED] EL PASO DIVISION, OCTOBER 4, 1963.

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L2. FD 209 FROM SA [REDACTED] TO SAC, EL PASO, DATED  
OCTOBER 9, 1963.

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THE ABOVE MATERIAL HAS BEEN LOCATED IN THE EL PASO  
DIVISION AND HAS BEEN SECURED PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS IN  
REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE TO EL PASO.

3. EL PASO INDICES SEARCH DID NOT REFLECT ANY REFERENCES  
TO FILES NO LONGER IN THE POSSESSION OF THE EL PASO OFFICE.

4. AS STATED ABOVE INDICES SEARCH TO ALL REFERENCES  
LISTED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE WERE NEGATIVE, EXCEPT VIOLA  
LIUZZO AND BAPBOMB. FOR INFO OF BUREAU, GARY THOMAS ROWE WAS  
ALSO SEARCHED THROUGH EL PASO INDICES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT.

ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, JULY 14, 1978.

DETROIT INDICES HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AS SET OUT  
IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

DETROIT'S FILE ENTITLED, "BAP BOMB", DEFILE  
157-358, CONSISTS OF 61 SERIALS. DETROIT FILE  
ENTITLED, [REDACTED] ET AL, VIOLA GREG LIUZZO -  
VICTIM, CONSISTS OF 81 SERIALS. IN ADDITION, DETROIT  
HAS TWO REFERENCES TO MRS. LIUZZO, ONE A NEWSPAPER  
CLIPPING, AND ONE A SERIAL ENTITLED, "KLAN INTRIGUES  
IN SELMA, ALABAMA, WARREN AND DETROIT, MICHIGAN, WHICH  
APPEARED IN A PUBLICATION ENTITLED, "THE ROMANUL AMERICAN".

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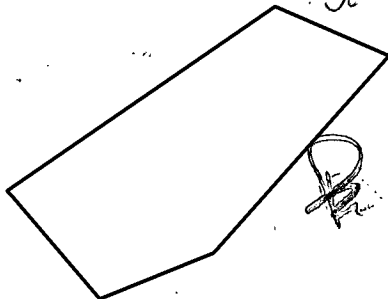
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DETROIT IS IN POSSESSION OF NO OTHER FILE INFORMATION  
REGARDING THE NAMES CONTAINED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

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INQUIRY.

ATTENTION: OPERATOR, ROOM 7650.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES, JULY 11, 1978.

A REVIEW OF COLUMBIA OFFICE INDICES REVEALS A 79-0-349  
REFERENCE TO THE NAME GARY THOMAS ROWE. THIS REFERENCE IS A  
LETTER FROM THE BUREAU DATED OCTOBER 18, 1974, TO A [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ANSWERING AN INQUIRY FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHERE SHE HAD REQUESTED THE BUREAU TO ADVISE HER OF THE  
ADDRESS OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, [REDACTED] THE ABOVE BUREAU LETTER  
CONTAINED A XEROX COPY OF [REDACTED] LETTER DIRECTED TO THE  
BUREAU.

COLUMBIA OFFICE INDICES ALSO CONTAIN A 157-0 REFERENCE TO  
BAPBOMB. THIS REFERENCE IS A FACSIMILE COPY OF A TELETYPE SENT

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BY BIRMINGHAM TO THE BUREAU, NOV. 11, 1977, WHICH INSTRUCTED THAT A COLUMBIA OFFICE AGENT APPEAR IN BIRMINGHAM ON A CERTAIN DAY FOR THE STATE TRIAL BEING CONDUCTED IN A BOMBING OF THE SIXTEENTH STREET CHURCH ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1963.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, THE COLUMBIA OFFICE WAS OPENED IN DECEMBER, 1965: THEREFORE, WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION IN THE BOMBING OF THE SIXTEENTH STREET CHURCH IN SEPTEMBER, 1963.

NO OTHER IDENTIFIABLE RECORDS WERE LOCATED TO THE NAMES GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., TOMMY ROWE, THOMAS NEIL MOORE, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, [REDACTED]  
VIOLA LIUZZO, [REDACTED] BAPBOMB AND BOMBING OF RESIDENCE  
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ATTENTION OPR, ROOM 7650.

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

REBUCAB, JULY 14, 1978.

BERN INDICES NEGATIVE RE ALL PERSONS AND SUBJECTS MENTIONED  
IN PARAGRAPH ONE, PAGE TWO, REBUCAB.

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ATTENTION OPR 800M 7650

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. FORMER CLAN INFORMER. ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY. BUDED JULY 17, 1978.

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS DATED JULY 14, 1978.

A REVIEW OF SAN JUAN INDICES WAS CONDUCTED CONCERNING  
ALL NAMES CONTAINED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE, AND NO INFORMATION  
IDENTIFIABLE WITH THOSE NAMES WAS LOCATED. SAN JUAN INDICES  
CONTAIN NO INDICATION THAT THERE HAS EVER BEEN A RECORD CON-  
CERNING THE SUBJECTS IN THIS CASE.

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ATTN: OPP, ROOM 7650

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT; ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY, OO: BUREAU

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS, JULY 14, 1978.

BUFFALO OFFICE GENERAL AND SPECIAL INDICES WHEN CHECKED  
BY SPC [REDACTED] AND CLERK [REDACTED] ON JULY 15,  
1978 AND JULY 17, 1978, RESPECTIVELY, DISCLOSED NO RECORD  
IDENTIFIABLE WITH ALL SEARCHES REQUESTED ON PAGE 2 OF  
REFERENCED TELETYPE EXCEPT BAPBOMB.

CLOSED BUFFALO FILE 157-148, BIRMINGHAM FILE 157-352,  
BUREAU FILE 157-1025, CASE CAPTIONED "BAPBOMB" CONTAINS NINE  
SERIALS. THIS CASE WAS ORIGINALLY OPENED SEPT. 20, 1963, AND  
LAST RUC'D TO BIRMINGHAM FEB. 9, 1970. THIS MATERIAL HAS BEEN  
COLLECTED AND SECURED PURSUANT TO FBIHQ INSTRUCTIONS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TO : MR. COLWELL

DATE: 7/17/78

FROM : T. J. BIAMONTE

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

## PURPOSE:

To advise of proposed steps to be taken in connection with this inquiry.

## DETAILS:

As you know, allegations have been made concerning Rowe's activities as an informant and the Bureau's handling of him as follows:

- (A) Rowe, himself, claims to have killed a black man during the riots in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1963. He also claims to have reported the incident to his contacting agent.
- (B) Rowe is suspected of being directly involved in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church 9/15/63, although he denies the allegation.
- (C) Rowe is suspected of being directly involved in the bombing of the residence of [redacted] on 9/8/63, although he denies the allegation.
- (D) Rowe is allegedly responsible for the shooting of Mrs. Viola Luizzo in Lowndes County, Alabama, on 3/25/65 and Departmental attorneys who prosecuted this matter are alleged to have had knowledge of Rowe's "unreliability and/or criminal acts."

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1 - Mr. Colwell  
1 - Mr. Biamonte  
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Re: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

In regard to these allegations, the following is proposed:

(1) All SACs and Legal Attaches will be requested to search indices for any information relative to the allegations, identify those files and secure them. (Done 7/14/78 by teletype with deadline of 7/17/78.)  
(attached)

(2) Those offices furnishing positive responses will be requested to review their files to determine:

- (a) Any information indicating Rowe ever furnished information pertaining to his having shot a black man.
- (b) Any information Rowe was involved or admitted involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church.
- (c) Any information Rowe was involved or admitted involvement in the bombing of the residence of
- (d) Any information Rowe was more deeply involved or admitted further involvement in the Luizzo killing than his testimony indicates or that the Departmental attorneys who prosecuted the killing matter were furnished any information as to Rowe's unreliability and/or criminal activities.
- (e) The total number of serials in each office's files to insure that all are accounted for and to submit appropriate explanations if any are missing.
- (f) The identity of each and every past or present Special Agent having had contact with Rowe after January, 1963, and where past agents are involved, furnish their current whereabouts. Offices will be asked to include the time period or dates of contacts, location of contacts and purpose of contacts.

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(g) The identity of any other persons within the law enforcement community who according to the files had contact with Rowe after January, 1963, to include time period or dates, location and purpose of contacts.

(3) The offices will be requested to report on the above items on separate FD-302s summarizing the information obtained as to each category but to contain sufficient detail to allow a thorough review by FBIHQ and the Department of Justice. In addition, offices will be requested to maintain cost figures relative to the inquiry.

(4) The Criminal Investigative Division, FBIHQ, will be requested to conduct the same review of FBIHQ files.

(5) The Criminal Investigative Division will be requested to develop a chronological record of Rowe's activities to include travel and events pertinent to the inquiry from the time of his first contact with the FBI until the present.

(6) The Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) will review available Senate and House testimony to determine any information pertinent to the allegations and the identities of those persons who have given testimony or have been interviewed.

(7) A request will be made for any information compiled by the investigators for the State of Alabama so that it can be reviewed to determine any information pertinent to the allegations and the identities of the investigators who should be interviewed.

(8) The information obtained through steps #1 through #7 above will be studied and a report compiled for OPR in the Department summarizing the results.

(9) Recommendations will be made as to any further review of files necessary to resolve any conflicts, any interviews deemed necessary and any further investigation deemed necessary.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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 GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
 INQUIRY

RE BUTEL DATED JULY 14, 1978.

THOROUGH SEARCH OF LEGAT, CARACAS FILES LOCATED NO,  
 REPEAT NO, INFORMATION CONCERNING GARY THOMAS ROWE JR.,  
 AKA, NOR ANY OF THE NAMES OR INCIDENTS SET FORTH IN  
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ATTENTION: OPR ROOM 7650

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

RE BUTEL, JULY 14, 1978.

RICHMOND INDICES NEGATIVE REGARDING THIS MATTER EXCEPT FOR TWO  
REFERENCES, RH 42-19956 AND RH 26-34265, RELATING TO   
BOTH OF THESE FILES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ROUTINE  
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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

REBUTEL TO ALL SAC'S, JULY 14, 1978.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, NO REFERENCES TO CAPTIONED  
INDIVIDUAL LOCATED IN THE FILES OF THE PHOENIX DIVISION.

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FM NEW ROCHELLE

TO DIRECTOR, FBI PRIORITY

ATTN: OPR, ROOM 7650

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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

REBUREAUTELE, JULY 14, 1978, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

SINCE THE NEW ROCHELLE OFFICE HAS NO INDICES OR CLOSED FILES,  
WE HAVE NO INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE REQUEST IN REFERENCED  
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ATTENTION: OPR ROOM 7650

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT;

ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY.

REBUTEL TO ALL FIELD OFFICES, JULY 14, 1978.

REVIEW OF INDICES, MIAMI DIVISION, FAILED TO REFLECT  
ANY REFERENCE IDENTIFIABLE WITH ANY NAME CONTAINED IN RETEL.

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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SAC'S, JULY 14, 1978.

THOROUGH SEARCH OF CLEVELAND INDICES DISCLOSED NO  
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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

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INSTANT MATTER WILL BE HANDLED BY MAIN NEW YORK INDICES  
INASMUCH AS BROOKLYN/QUEENS MRA DOES NOT MAINTAIN CLOSED FILES  
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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS DATED JULY 14, 1978.

REVIEW OF SPRINGFIELD DIVISION INDICES FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY  
RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AKA TOMMY ROWE,  
THOMAS NEIL MOORE, [REDACTED] DATE OF BIRTH (DOB)  
AUGUST 15, 1930 OR AUGUST 15, 1933, PLACE OF BIRTH (POB) SAVANNAH,  
GEORGIA, FBI NUMBER 921500B; WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.; VIOLA LIUZZO - VICTIM, CR - ELECTION  
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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SUPERVISOR

[REDACTED] AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

1. A. MILWAUKEE INDICES CONTAINED NO REFERENCE TO GARY  
THOMAS ROWE, JR., UNDER TRUE NAME OR ANY ALIASES.

B. MILWAUKEE INDICES CONTAIN MAIN FILE REFERENCE TO  
CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION MI 44-249. THIS FILE WAS DESTROYED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS ON MARCH 3, 1977. MILWAUKEE  
INDICES CONTAIN ONE REFERENCE IN MI 157-0-132 WHICH CONSISTS OF  
NEWSPAPER ARTICLE FROM "EVENING STAR", WASHINGTON, D.C., DATED  
MARCH 26, 1965, REPORTING ARREST OF FOUR INDIVIDUALS IN CAPTIONED  
MATTER.

C. MILWAUKEE INDICES CONTAIN MAIN FILE MI 157-125,

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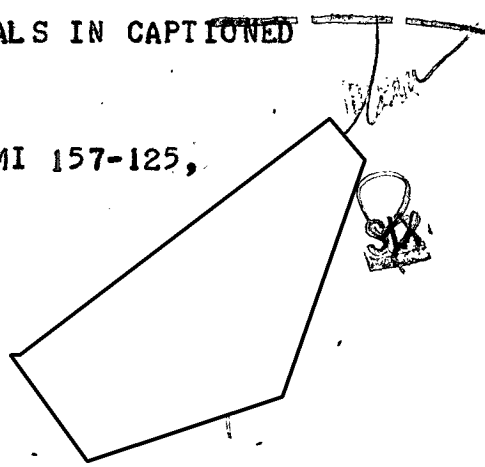
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D. MILWAUKEE INDICES CONTAIN NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

2. MILWAUKEE HAS SECURED THESE REFERENCES AND WILL MAINTAIN THEM PENDING RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL INFO FROM BUREAU.

3. AS REPORTED UNDER ITEM 1, MILWAUKEE DESTROYED ONE FILE ON MARCH 3, 1977.

4. NOT APPLICABLE.

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ATTENTION OFF. ROOM 7650

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS, JULY 14, 1978.

SEARCH OF CINCINNATI INDICES NEGATIVE RE ANY REFERENCES  
PERTAINING TO CAPTIONED SUBJECT OR ANY SUBJECTS SET FORTH  
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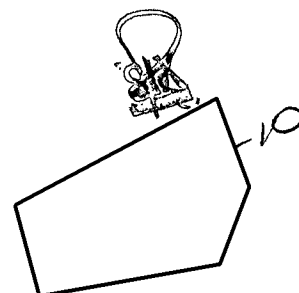
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ATTENTION: OPR, ROOM 7650

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT ADMINISTRATIVE

INQUIRY BUDED: JULY 17, 1978

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE, JULY 15, 1978.

ALEXANDRIA INDICES NEGATIVE REGARDING NAMES MENTIONED IN  
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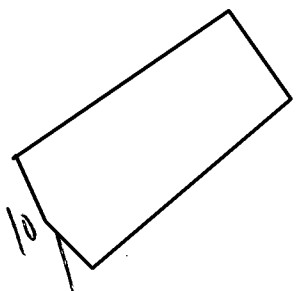
RE BUREAU TELETYPE, JULY 14, 1978.

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REBUCAB, JULY 14, 1978.

<sup>Review</sup>  
A REVIEW TEAM OF BONN INDICES FAILED TO REVEAL ANY

INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH ITEMS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH  
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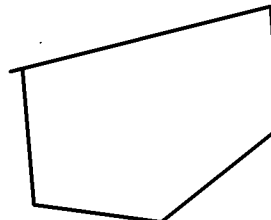
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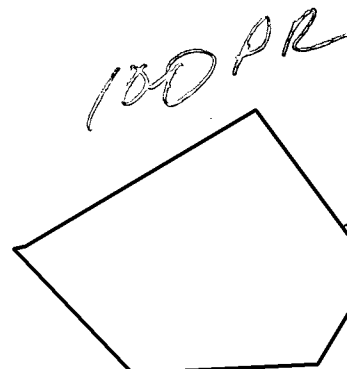
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INQUIRY.

N REBUTEL, JULY 14, 1978.

N THE FOLLOWING REFLECTS SEARCH OF NEW ORLEANS INDICES AND  
REFERENCES THEREIN FOR GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.:

NO 105-687-5431, PAGE 3

NO 105-687-1127, PAGE 8

ABOVE FILE DEALS WITH INVESTIGATION CONCERNING UNITED KLANS  
OF JMERICA, INC., AND KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN.

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THE FOLLOWING REFLECTS REFERENCES FOR [REDACTED]

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NO 105-687-2586, PAGE 15

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NO 173-211-683, PAGE 1

NO REFERENCES LOCATED FOR FOLLOWING:

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N "BAPBOMB"

BOMBING OF 16TH ST. CHURCH, SEPT. IN COYEN BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED]

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SEPT. 8, 1963.

INDICES REFLECTS FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO [REDACTED] (NOT

FURTHER IDENTIFIED):

NO 100-759-1A-192, 1A-193, 1A-985, 1A-1016-PAGE 7, 1A-2823-  
PAGE 32.

NO 157-1107-61, PAGE 2 (DESTROYED PER MRR) }

NOTATION IN FILE 100-759 REFLECTS SERIALS AND 1A'S ENUMERATED }

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ABOVE WERE FORWARDED ON AUG. 1, 1966, TO LOUISVILLE WHO HAD BECOME }  
NEW OO IN THAO NPARTICULAR CASE.

N OTHER REFERENCES NOTED CONCERNING ROWE AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN  
SECURED PER CNSTRUCTIONS IN RETEL. NEW ORLEANS FILES 105-687 AND  
173-201 HAVE NUMEROUS VOLUMES BUT MATERIAL RELATING TO REFERENCES  
INDICATED ABOVE IS MINIMAL. .

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (PRIORITY)

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ATTENTION: OPR, ROOM 7650

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT,

ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY (A)

RE BUTEL DATED JULY 14, 1978.

PITTSBURGH INDICES CONTAIN ONE REFERENCE,

PG [REDACTED] TO GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., WHICH CONSISTS

OF TWO PAGE NEWSPAPER ITEM. INDICES CONTAIN TWO MAIN

FILES, PG 157-218 AND PG 157-234, CONCERNING BAPBOMB.

PG 157-218 CONSISTS OF 12 SERIALS (22 PAGES). PG 157-234,

DESTROYED DECEMBER 1977, AS A RESULT OF FILE DESTRUCTION

PROGRAM. INDICES CONTAINED ONE REFERENCE, PG 167-60-2,

AND TWO MAIN FILES, PG 87-15829 AND PG 87-16849, ON NAME

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PG 87-15829 NOT IDENT; PG 167-60-2 AND

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PG 87-16849 DO NOT APPEAR TO RELATE.

ALL MATERIAL CONTAINED IN FILES IDENTIFIABLE WITH  
REBUTEL HAVE BEEN REPRODUCED AND WILL BE AFFORDED  
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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY.

RE BUTEL, JULY 15, 1978.

SEARCH OF ST. LOUIS DIVISION INDICES REFLECTS THE FOLLOWING:

1) REFERENCE TO GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., (WHITE MALE, DOB AUG. 15, 1933) IN JULY, 1960, AT SL [REDACTED] RECORDS DISCLOSE THAT FILE DESTROYED FEB. 24, 1978, PURSUANT TO FILE DESTRUCTION PROGRAM. NO REFERENCES TO ALIASES.

2) POSSIBLE REFERENCE TO [REDACTED] AT 44-566 IN NOV., 1961. ST. LOUIS RECORDS DISCLOSE THAT FILE DESTROYED MARCH, 30, 1978, PURSUANT TO FILE DESTRUCTION PROGRAM.

POSSIBLE REFERENCE TO WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON (BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AT SL 157-1355 IN AUG., 1965. ST. LOUIS RECORDS DO NOT DISCLOSE WHEN OR BASIS FOR DESTRUCTION, HOWEVER,

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APPEARS TO BE MILITARY RECORD CENTER CHECK WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN  
DESTROYED WITHIN 120 DAYS OF RECEIPT.

3) SL FILE ENTITLED "BAPBOMB" LOCATED AT SL 157-280, WHICH  
CONSISTS OF 39 SERIALS. THIS FILE SECURE.

4) NO REFERENCE LOCATED AT ST. LOUIS FOR "BOMBING OF RESIDENCE  
OF [REDACTED] SEPT. 8, 1963."

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ATTENTION: ~~OPB~~ ROOM 7650.

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS DATED JULY 14, 1978.

DALLAS INDICES CHECK ON JULY 17, 1978, WAS NEGATIVE  
RE ALL NAMES LISTED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE, WITH THE  
EXCEPTION OF BAPBOMB, BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET CHURCH,  
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963, IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. DALLAS FILE  
NUMBER 157-290, WITH BAPBOMB IN TITLE, WAS DESTROYED  
DECEMBER 10, 1977, PER FILE DESTRUCTION INSTRUCTIONS.

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ATTN: OPR ROOM 7650

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES DATED JULY 14, 1978.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ALL FILES AVAILABLE IN THE  
LOS ANGELES DIVISION CONCERNING:

1. GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AKA

2. [REDACTED]

WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON

[REDACTED]

GARY THOMAS ROWE;

VIOLA LIUZZO - VICTIM

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- VICTIM

3. BAP BOMB,

BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET CHURCH,

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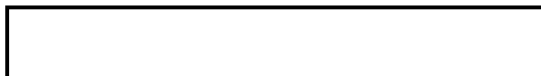
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SEPTEMBER 8, 1963:

LA 157-693 (BUFILE 157-1025, BIRMINGHAM FILE  
157-352) CAPTIONED, "UNSUBS; BOMBING OF 16TH STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963,"  
(62 SIALS), REFLECTS THAT



HAD BEEN DRIVING TRACTOR-TRAILOR

ON 16TH STREET IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ON SEPTEMBER 15,  
1963. ANGEL HEARD EXPLOSION, AND OBSERVED VEHICLE SPEED  
PAST HIM. INFORMATION DETERMINED TO BE FALSE  
BUT ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY (AUSA), LOS ANGELES,  
CALIFORNIA, DECLINED PROSECUTING FOR VIOLATION OF  
TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 1001. FILE FURTHER  
REFLECTS THAT  
ALLEGED THAT  
WAS INVOLVED IN THE CHURCH BOMBING IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,



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BUT INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES FAILED TO SUPPORT THAT ALLEGATION.

LA 157-0-680 (ONE SERIAL) IS A HEROLD-EXAMINER NEWSPAPER ARTICLE DATED APRIL 21, 1965, CONCERNING ROWE AND HIS BEING "AN UNDERCOVER MAN" FOR THE FBI.

LA 44-1133, LOCATED IN LA INDICES UNDER GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. WAS DESTROYED AS PER MANUAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES, PART TWO, SECTION 4.5.5. LA FILES 157-693 AND 157-0-680 HAVE BEEN COLLECTED AND ARE BEING APPROPRIATELY SECURED BY THEE LOS ANGELES OFFICE.

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ATTENTION OPR, ROOM 760.

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.; FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY, BUDED COB JULY 17, 1978.

RE FBIHQ TELETYPE TO ALL SAC'S, JULY 14, 1978.

IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER, ATLANTA REVIEWED  
ITS INDICES AS REQUESTED BY FBIHQ IN REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE  
AND THE FOLLOWING WAS NOTED:

A. ATLANTA INDICES WERE NEGATIVE REGARDING GARY THOMAS  
ROWE, JR., AKA TOMMY ROWE, THOMAS NEIL MOORE, [REDACTED]

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B. ATLANTA INDICES WERE ALSO NEGATIVE REGARDING THE CASE AUG 21 1978

[REDACTED] WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, [REDACTED]

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LAWS, [REDACTED] - VICTIM.

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C. ATLANTA INDICES CONTAINED ONE REFERENCE FOR BAPBOM, NAMELY A MAIN ATLANTA FILE 157-582, AND ONE REFERENCE FOR THE BOMBING OF THE SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963, WHICH WAS THE SAME FILE AS ABOVE FOR BAPBOM, NAMELY 157-582.

THIS ATLANTA BAPBOM FILE CONSISTS OF ONE SUB A SECTION, MARKED 1A-1 TO 1A-61 AND SIX VOLUMES, CONSISTING OF 410 SERIALS.

THIS ATLANTA BAPBOM FILE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED MARKED "DO NOT DESTROY" AND HAS BEEN SECURED IN THE ATLANTA CONFIDENTIAL FILE ROOM.

D. ATLANTA INDICES WERE NEGATIVE REGARDING THE BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED] SEPTEMBER 8, 1963.

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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS JULY 14, 1978.

INDICES SEARCH AT MINNEAPOLIS REVEALED THE FOLLOWING:

1. MINNEAPOLIS FILE 100-2554-108, PAGE 3 - A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE  
FROM EVENING STAR, WASHINGTON, D.C. DATED MARCH 26, 1965 FROM WHICH  
ARE INDEXED THE NAMES [REDACTED] WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, GARY  
THOMAS ROWE, [REDACTED] ARTICLE CONSISTED OF THREE  
PAGES.

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2. 157-0-163 - IS A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE FROM THE ST. PAUL  
PIONEER PRESS NEWSPAPER, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA DATED APRIL 18, 1965,  
FROM WHICH IS INDEXED THE NAME GARY TOMMY ROWE, JR; THIS ARTICLE  
CONSISTS OF ONE PAGE.

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3. 157-65 - IS MINNEAPOLIS BAPBOMB FILE. THIS FILE CONSISTS OF 58 PAGES.

4. 87-19878 - IS A REFERENCE FOR AN [REDACTED] IT IS UNKNOWN IF THIS REFERENCE IS IDENTICAL TO [REDACTED] REFERRED TO IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION, INASMUCH AS FILE 87-19878 WAS DESTROYED PURSUANT TO DESTRUCTION PROGRAM ON MARCH 20, 1978 ACCORDING TO RECORDS MAINTAINED IN MINNEAPOLIS FIELD OFFICE.

ALL SERIALS FROM AFOREMENTIONED FILE HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED INTO MINNEAPOLIS FILE 62-4190 WHICH IS BEING MAINTAINED IN SAC SAFE WITH INSTRUCTIONS THEY ARE NOT TO BE DESTROYED WITHOUT PRIOR BUREAU APPROVAL.

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FM SACRAMENTO (62-639)

TO DIRECTOR

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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TEL, JULY 14, 1978.

ONLY SACRAMENTO REFERENCES RE INDIVIDUALS SET FORTH IN RETEL WERE TO INTERESTING CASE WRITEUP PROGRAM, DISCONTINUED BY BULET, FED. 9, 1977, WHEREIN FIELD OFFICES WERE GIVEN OPTION OF RETAINING MATERIAL ON HAND FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES. SACRAMENTO DID NOT RETAIN SUCH INFORMATION AND THEREFORE HAS NO MATERIAL RE SUBJECTS OF RETEL.

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ATTENTION: OPR, ROOM 7650

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY, BUDED JULY 17, 1978.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SAC'S, DATED JULY 14, 1978.

PURSUANT REFERENCED COMMUNICATION, LOUISVILLE DIVISION  
INDICES SEARCHED JULY 15, 1978, WITH NO IDENTIFIABLE DATA  
LOCATED RE FOLLOWING CASES AND INDIVIDUALS: GARY THOMAS ROWE,  
JR., (TOMMY ROWE, THOMAS NEIL MOORE, [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, [REDACTED] GARY

THOMAS ROWE, JR.; VIOLA LIUZZO - VICTIM, CR - EL, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VICTIM; BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SEPTEMBER 8, 1963.

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BAPBOM (LS 157-171), IDENTIFIED AS MAIN AUXILIARY FILE, CONTAINING  
40 SERIALS (104 PAGES). ABOVE FILE HAS BEEN PERSONALLY COLLECTED  
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ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL SACS, JULY 14, 1978.

SEARCH OF HOUSTON INDIES DISCLOSES THE FOLLOWING:

ONE FILE RELATING TO ONE [REDACTED] HOUSTON FILE

88-6902, NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED, FILE DESTROYED  
DURING REGULAR DESTRUCTION; HOUSTON FILE 100-1509 ENTITLED

[REDACTED] SM - C" CONTAINS FIVE SERIALS

RELATING TO THE MATTER ENTITLED [REDACTED] ET AL;

VIOLA GREGG LIUZO - VICTIM, CR - ELECTION LAWS";

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ENTITLED "BAPBOMB" CONTAINING TEN SERIALS; AND HOUSTON  
FILE 62-3043 RELATING TO THE BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF

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CONTAINING EIGHT SERIALS.

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THESE FILES DISCLOSE NO CONTACT WHATEVER WITH  
THE SUBJECT. THE FILES HAVE BEEN SECURED.

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ATTN: OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, ROOM 7650, JEH  
GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY

REBUTEL TO ALL SACS JULY 14, 1978.

ALL PARAGRAPHS ARE UNCLASSIFIED UNLESS OTHERWISE MARKED.

A CHECK OF DENVER DIVISION GENERAL INDEX SHOWED NO REFERENCES  
TO ANY NAMES OR INCIDENTS LISTED IN RETEL WITH THE EXCEPTION  
OF THE BAPBOM CASE, DENVER FILE 157-48, WHICH HAS BEEN LOCATED  
AND SECURED IN THE SAC SAFE IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS.

THIS FILE CONSISTS OF FIVE SERIALS AS FOLLOWS: 1. BH

AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, SEPTEMBER 18, 1963, TWO PAGES. 2. BH

AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, SEPTEMBER 28, 1963, ONE PAGE; 3. BH

AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, SEPTEMBER 29, 1963, ONE PAGE; 4. BH LHM

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PAGES; 5. DN LETTER TO DIRECTOR, OCTOBER 18, 1963, ONE PAGE,  
WHICH REPORTS NEGATIVE CONTACTS WITH THREE SECURITY AND [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] A REVIEW OF THESE  
INFORMANTS' FILES SHOWED NO IDENTIFIABLE SPECIFIC RECORD OF  
SUCH CONTACT RECORDED IN THE INFORMANTS' FILES. CONTACT SHEETS  
SHOWED DATES OF CONTACTS WITH THESE INFORMANTS BETWEEN THE  
PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 18, 1963, WHEN THE 157 FILE WAS OPENED AND  
OCTOBER 18, 1963, WHEN THE DENVER LETTER REPORTED THE NEGATIVE  
CONTACTS; HOWEVER, THE DATES OF CONTACT DO NOT SPECIFICALLY  
IDENTIFY THE BAPBOM CASE AS BEING THE REASON FOR CONTACTS. ~~(u)~~

THESE INFORMANTS AND THEIR FILE NUMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. [REDACTED] ~~(u)~~
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FM CHICAGO (157-400)

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ATTENTION: OPR, ROOM 7650

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

REBUTEL JULY 14, 1978, TO ALL SACS AND LEGATS.

(1) REVIEW OF CHICAGO OFFICE INDICES DISCLOSED THE  
FOLLOWING REGARDING (A) GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., 3 FILE  
REFERENCES; THOMAS NEIL MOORE, 1 FILE REFERENCE  
[REDACTED] WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, [REDACTED]  
1 FILE REFERENCE ON EACH; VIOLA LIUZZO, 2 FILE REFERENCES  
AND 2 MAIN FILES. (C) BAPBOM, 1 MAIN FILE. (D) BOMBING  
OF RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED] NO REFERENCES.

(2) (A) FILE REFERENCES ON GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., ARE  
157-400 SUB A - 3, 80-255-804, AND 197-4 SUB A, PAGE 510;

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FILE REFERENCE ON THOMAS NEIL MOORE IS 197-4 SUB A, PAGE 510. (B) FILE REFERENCE ON [REDACTED] WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, [REDACTED] IS 157-400 SUB A-3; FILE REFERENCES ON VIOLA LIUZZO ARE 157-400 SUB A-3, 197-4 SUB A, PAGE 510, AND MAIN FILES ARE 157-615 (9 SERIALS) AND 157-622 (7 SERIALS). (C) THE FILE ON BAPBOM IS 157-243 (34 SERIALS). (D) NO REFERENCES. ALL OF THE ABOVE MATERIAL HAS BEEN COLLECTED AND SECURED IN THE SAFE LOCATED IN THE OFFICE OF ASAC JAMES W. GREENLEAF.

(3) NOT APPLICABLE TO CHICAGO DIVISION.

(4) NO IDENTIFIABLE REFERENCES WERE LOCATED REGARDING TOMMY ROWE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OR BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SEPTEMBER 8, 1963.

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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE

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RE BUREAU CABLE, JULY 14, 1978.

NO RECORD OF ANY TYPE LOCATED BY LEGAT, PARIS.

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ATTN: OPR, ROOM 7650

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT. ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

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NO IDENTIFIABLE REFERENCES WERE LOCATED IN THE FILES OF THE  
MEXICO CITY OFFICE PERTAINING TO THE NAMES OR TITLES SET FORTH  
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ATTENTION: OPR, ROOM 7650.

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT; ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY.

MEMPHIS INDICES CONTAIN NO REFERENCE TO GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., UNDER HIS TRUE NAME OR KNOWN ALIASES. ADDITIONALLY, MEMPHIS INDICES CONTAIN NO REFERENCE TO CASE CAPTIONED "BAPBOMB" OR TO THE BOMBING OF THE RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SEPTEMBER 8, 1963. NO REFERENCE FOUND IN MEMPHIS INDICES ON CASE CAPTIONED [REDACTED] WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON; ET AL; VIOLA LUIZZO - VICTIM; CR - EL." MEMPHIS INDICES CONTAIN ONE REFERENCE TO A [REDACTED] MEFILE 87-13617, DATED SEPTEMBER,

1971, NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION. MEMPHIS 87 FILE DESTROYED DECEMBER 17, 1977, IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU FILE DESTRUCTION PROGRAM, AND NO FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN MEMPHIS 87 FILE IS AVAILABLE.

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INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, JULY 14, 1978.

THE INDICES OF THE TAMPA OFFICE CONTAIN NO INFORMATION  
IDENTIFIABLE WITH (A) GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AKA TOMMY ROWE,  
THOMAS NEIL MOORE, [REDACTED] (B) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, [REDACTED] GARY [REDACTED]

THOMAS ROWE, JR.; VIOLA LIUZZO - VICTIM, CR - ELECTION LAWS,

[REDACTED] - VICTIM, (D) THE BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SEPTEMBER 8, 1963.

THE FILES OF THE TAMPA OFFICE INDICATE A MAIN CASE FILE,  
TAMPA FILE 157-856, IN CASE CAPTIONED "BAPBOMB, BOMBING OF THE

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16TH STREET CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963," IN BIRMINGHAM,  
ALABAMA. THIS FILE CONSISTS OF 92 SERIALS AND A 1-A-1 SERIAL.  
TAMPA FILE 157-856 HAS BEEN APPROPRIATELY SECURED BY THE TAMPA  
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NO REFERENCES WERE LOCATED IN FILES OF THE HONOLULU  
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A REVIEW OF SEATTLE INDICES AS INSTRUCTED IN RETEL  
REVEALED ONE REFERENCE ON BAPBOMB, BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET  
CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963, IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEFILE  
157-271, CONSISTING OF FIVE SERIALS. ONE REFERENCE WAS ALSO  
LOCATED ON VIOLA LIUZZO - VICTIM, CR ELECTION LAWS, AND INCLUDES

[REDACTED] WILLIAM ORRVILLE EATON, [REDACTED]

AND GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., SEFILE 157-435, CONSISTING OF NINE SERIALS.

TWO ADDITIONAL REFERENCES WERE LOCATED UNDER THE NAME [REDACTED]  
SEFILE 115-377-475 DESTROYED AND 100-21450-52, WHICH WAS

INCORPORATED INTO A REPORT AND IS INDEXED FOR RETRIEVAL.

OTHER REFERENCES EXIST ON BUILD-UPS AND BREAKDOWNS OF THE [REDACTED]

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NAME  HOWEVER, DUE TO THE LACK OF ANY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OR MIDDLE NAME OR INITIALS, THESE REFERENCES ARE NOT BEING REVIEWED, UACB.

INDICES CHECKS OF THE OTHER NAMES WERE NEGATIVE.

THE ABOVE IDENTIFIED FILES, 157-271 AND 157-435, ARE BEING SECURED AS INSTRUCTED IN REBUTEL.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO SAN FRANCISCO, ET AL, JULY 14, 1978.

REVIEW OF SAN FRANCISCO INDICES AND FILES DETERMINED

THAT ONLY PERTINENT DOCUMENTS MAINTAINED IN SAN FRANCISCO

ARE 27 PAGES (18 SERIALS) IN CASE CAPTIONED, "BAPBOMB"

(BUFILE 157-1025, SF 157-308), AND FOUR PAGES (FOUR SERIALS)

IN CASE CAPTIONED, "UNSUBS; BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF

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[REDACTED] SEPTEMBER 8, 1963, BM" (SF 157-305).

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN RETEL, ABOVE  
DOCUMENTS ARE BEING SEGREGATED AND APPROPRIATELY SECURED  
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REBUTEL, JULY 14, 1978.

CONSISTENT WITH INSTRUCTIONS FURNISHED BY RETEL, CAREFUL  
AND EXHAUSTIVE INDICES SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED ON ALL NAMES AND  
CAPTIONS IN RETEL.

AS A RESULT OF INDICES CHECK, NO MAIN FILES OR REFERENCES  
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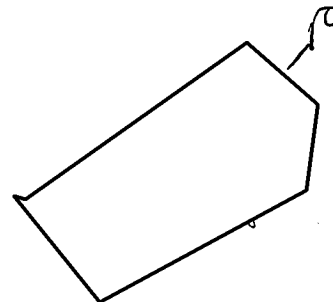
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IN VIEW OF ABOVE, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED  
BY LEGAT, ROME.

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## **POLICE GIVEN DATA ON BOAST BY ROWE**

**Reports May Back F.B.I. Informer  
in Klan on Killing in South**

**By HOWELL RAINES**

*Special to The New York Times*

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 13 — Police sources here said today that they had information that might support Gary Thomas Rowe Jr.'s contention that he killed a black man during racial unrest in Birmingham in 1963, while Mr. Rowe was on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's payroll as an informer within the Ku Klux Klan.

The sources said a former Klansman and another man described as a Klan sympathizer told the police, in separate accounts, that Mr. Rowe had boasted to them that "I shot some niggers" during rioting that followed a double bombing in a black neighborhood.

A Birmingham police officer has also told city investigators that he saw Mr. Rowe with a pistol stuck in his belt near a police barricade like the one described by Mr. Rowe in his account of the killing.

### **Missing Report Is Sought**

The investigators are now combing police files here for a missing report that they believe contains information about at least three unsolved shootings during the 1963 disturbances.

Meanwhile, another document has come to light that may add to the growing controversy over Mr. Rowe's involvement in racial violence while he was getting monthly payments from the F.B.I. In

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# Police Are Reportedly Told Informer for F.B.I. Boasted of Killing Black

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a statement to a Senate investigator in 1975, Mr. Rowe accused John Doar, former Assistant Attorney General for civil rights, of forcing him to change his account of the killing of Viola G. Liuzzo in 1955.

In the interview, Mr. Rowe said that Federal investigators ignored his report that a black man was also killed in Mrs. Liuzzo's car when Mr. Rowe and three Birmingham Klansmen chased down the Detroit woman's automobile on the night after she took part in a civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery. Mr. Rowe further alleged that Mr. Doar ordered him to keep silent when Mr. Rowe told Government prosecutors that he could not positively identify a black man called as a key Government witness as having been in the car with Mrs. Liuzzo at the time of the shooting.

Mr. Doar, contacted at his law office in New York, refused to discuss Mr. Rowe's allegations, saying that a Justice Department inquiry into Mr. Rowe's activities was the proper forum for such questions.

Frederick A. O. Schwarz Jr., who at the time was chief counsel to the Senate committee conducting the investigation, said today that he could not recall having been told about the alleged dispute between Mr. Rowe and Mr. Doar and added that he was quite certain the committee had never investigated the allegations.

The Liuzzo case brought Mr. Rowe national attention as the F.B.I.'s chief informer against the Klan in Alabama. He was later relocated and given a new identity by the bureau, and lives in an undisclosed location.

Mr. Rowe also told Senate investigators that the Justice Department, under its witness protection program, got him a job with a United States Marshal and allowed him to attend the Department of Justice Training Academy with 90 other Federal officers. Mr. Rowe charged that, because of his dispute with Mr. Doar, he was subsequently forced to resign the job, and that Marshal who employed him filed "false affidavits" in order to get Mr. Rowe an extra month's pay on which to find a job outside the Government.

## Questioned in Church Bombing

When the authorities in Alabama reopened their investigations into the unsolved racial killings in the early 1960's, they contacted Mr. Rowe for information on the 1963 bombing that killed four black children at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. But Mr. Rowe himself became a suspect in that case after two polygraph, or lie-detector, tests showed that he was giving "deceptive" answers when he denied having been with the group that planted the bomb.

Since that time there have been disclosures that indicate that Mr. Rowe may have participated in and helped to plan the Klan violence he was hired to observe.

A former leader of the Ku Klux Klan in Birmingham said today that Mr. Rowe helped direct the attacks on the Freedom Riders at a Birmingham bus station on May 15, 1961.

Mr. Rowe himself said, in an interview with Alabama investigators last fall, that he participated in the firebombing of the home of A. G. Gaston, a black millionaire, according to investigative documents.

In the same series of interviews, Mr.

Rowe was quoted as saying he killed a black man during a riot here and was told by the F.B.I. agent to whom he regularly reported to keep quiet about the shooting. The agent named by Mr. Rowe has denied the report as "an absolute falsehood."

According to the Senate document that came to light today, Mr. Rowe said he was assured by F.B.I. agents here that his participation in violence had the personal endorsement of "The Man" — the late J. Edgar Hoover, then Director of the bureau.

## 'War' on the Klan

Mr. Rowe stated that "the quote to me was 'The Man has declared war on the Ku Klux Klan and that you are man enough to do, do it.'" Mr. Rowe stated that the "agent quivered, literally" in delivering this message and said "we don't have to worry about covering you any more."

The Birmingham Police Department's information about a possible shooting by Mr. Rowe was obtained, sources said, before disclosure by The New York Times that Mr. Rowe had told investigators that such a shooting took place.

The police inquiry here now is focusing on Mr. Rowe's activities after bombings on the nights of May 11 and Sept. 4, 1963. Rioting of the sort described by Mr. Rowe took place on both nights. By the accounts of Mr. Rowe and others, according to investigative documents, Mr. Rowe was in the riot area on both occasions.

## Account of Shooting

The documents show that Mr. Rowe told a state investigator that he came upon blacks attacking a taxicab on Eighth Avenue here and beating a woman passenger. When the rioters turned on him, Mr. Rowe is quoted as saying, he shot a black man through the chest. Then, Mr. Rowe is reported to have said, he went to a barricade and reported the shooting to a policeman and later, by telephone, to his F.B.I. "control" agent.

According to an investigative source, a Birmingham policeman has told detectives here that during the riot on May 11, "he came down Eighth Avenue and stopped and got out of his car and Rowe

was standing there in the middle of the road in civilian clothes with a gun stuck in his belt."

Later that same night, according to an investigative document, a fellow Klansman saw Mr. Rowe and talked to him at a telephone booth at 3 A.M. "At that time, Rowe stated to him that he had been up-town shooting Negroes," the document stated.

In a separate interview, the companion of the Klansman who gave that report supported the account without pressing, investigative sources here said. Mr. Rowe was quoted as telling the two men: "There's been a bombing. The niggers are rioting. I shot some niggers."

However, the assault on the taxicab described by Mr. Rowe more closely matches an incident that took place on Sept. 4, after the bombings of the A. G. Gaston Motel and the home of the Rev. A. D. King, brother of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On that night, Mr. Rowe has told state investigators, he was riding with Birmingham policemen in the riot area when they came upon a taxicab whose driver and a woman passenger were under assault by rioters.

Investigators here are now looking into the possibility that a former policeman named by Mr. Rowe as a possible companion, and known to have been a close friend of the informer, may be able to give a firsthand account of Mr. Rowe's actions at that time.

Official police reports show that 22 blacks were shot and one killed on the night of Sept. 4. However, an investigator here said that there is "a good possibility" that as many as 50 blacks were shot and several killed in incidents that were not officially recorded by the police.

"There were bodies laying on the ground, shot dead, no witnesses," said an investigative source. "Back then, in that time, remember, they just passed over it."

Investigators here are trying now to locate a police report from that time that is recalled to have reported three such homicides.



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TO : Mr. Colwell

DATE: 7-20-78

FROM : P. V. Dally

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE  
(FORMER INFORMANT)

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DETAILS: [redacted] staff member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, telephonically advised me on July 19, 1978, that the Department had requested access to Committee transcripts of Bureau personnel who were interviewed by that Committee concerning their contacts with Rowe.

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In connection with complying with the request made by the Department, [redacted] advised he intended to contact the Bureau personnel that were interviewed and ask their permission to grant Departmental access to the transcripts. [redacted] purpose in calling me was to advise me that he was going to contact the Agents so that should the Agents have any questions, we would know what the purpose of the contact was.

RECOMMENDATION: None, for information.

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FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
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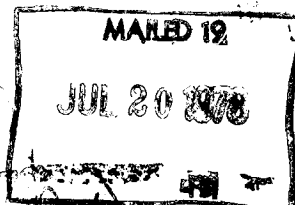
For your information, the allegations referred to in retel concerning former Klan informant Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., and the Bureau's handling of him are basically as follows:

a. Rowe himself claims to have killed a black man during the riots in Birmingham in 1963. He also claims to have reported the incident to his contacting Agent.

b. Rowe is suspected of being directly involved in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham on 9/15/63, although he denies the allegation.

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c. Rowe is suspected of being directly involved in the bombing of the residence of [redacted] on 9/8/63, though he denies the allegation.

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d. Rowe was allegedly responsible for the shooting of Mrs. Viola G. Liuzzo in Lowndes County, Alabama, on 3/25/65, and Departmental attorneys who prosecuted this matter are alleged to have had knowledge of Rowe's "unreliable and/or criminal acts."

e. Rowe is alleged to have participated<sup>in</sup> or instigated acts of violence while in the Klan, informed the Bureau of the acts before they occurred and allegedly nothing was done to curtail the violent activities.

Receiving offices are requested to review all information in their possession to determine the following:

✓ 1. Any information to indicate Rowe ever furnished any information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the Birmingham riots.

✓ 2. Any information that Rowe was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham.

✓ 3. Any information Rowe was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the [redacted] residence.

✓ 4. Any information Rowe was more deeply involved or admitted further involvement in the Liuzzo killing other than his testimony reflects or that the Departmental attorneys who prosecuted the matter were furnished any information as to Rowe's "unreliable and/or criminal acts." It is noted Rowe maintains that he was a passenger in the vehicle used by Klansmen who shot Liuzzo but denies having fired a weapon.

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       FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
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5. (a) Identify each instance where Rowe reported planned violence in advance to include when the information was received, who received it, whether it was disseminated, to whom it was disseminated, the date of dissemination and the manner of dissemination.

(b) Identify any instructions given to Rowe, particularly as to his conduct or degree of involvement regarding participation in or instigation of acts of violence. Identify who issued the instructions, when they were issued and how they were recorded.

(c) These items should be identified by type of communication, date, page number and identity of the Agent who prepared the communication.

6. Any information indicating irregularities in Rowe's activities or the Bureau's handling of Rowe as an informant.

7. Determine the total number of serials in the pertinent files and insure all are accounted for. If any are missing, include appropriate explanation.

8. Identify each and every past or present Agent having had contact with Rowe after January, 1963, and where past Agents are involved, furnish their current whereabouts if known. This should include the time period for dates of contacts, location of contacts and purpose of contacts.

9. Identify any other persons within the law enforcement community who had contact with Rowe after January, 1963, to include the time period for dates of contacts, location of contacts and purpose of contacts.

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 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

The above items should be reported on separate FD-302's summarizing the information obtained as to each category but containing sufficient detail to allow for a thorough review by FBIHQ and the Department of Justice (DOJ). Any questions as to the relevance of information should be resolved toward inclusion in your submissions.

In addition, you are requested to maintain cost data relating to the inquiry to include the time involved in the inquiry and grades of the personnel involved.

The above-requested information should be furnished to the attention of the Assistant Director of the Planning and Inspection Division, Office of Professional Responsibility, no later than 8/1/78.

APPROVED:

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TO : The Director

DATE: 7/20/78

FROM : L. Colwell

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1 - Mr. Moore

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

## PURPOSE:

To request investigation at FBIHQ in the administrative inquiry concerning Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr.

## DETAIL:

By letter dated 7/14/78, Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel, Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), Department of Justice (DOJ), requested investigation into allegations made concerning Rowe's activities while an informant and the Bureau's handling of him. These allegations are as follows:

a. Rowe himself claims to have killed a black man during the riots in Birmingham in 1963. He also claims to have reported the incident to his contacting Agent.

b. Rowe is suspected of being directly involved in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham on 9/15/63, although he denies the allegation.

c. Rowe is suspected of being directly involved in the bombing of the residence of  on 9/8/63, although he denies the allegation.

d. Rowe was allegedly responsible for the shooting of Mrs. Viola G. Liuzzo in Lowndes County, Alabama, on 3/25/65, and Departmental attorneys who prosecuted this matter are alleged to have had knowledge of Rowe's "unreliable and/or criminal acts."

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e. Rowe is alleged to have participated in or instigated acts of violence while in the Klan, informed the Bureau of the acts before they occurred and allegedly nothing was done to curtail the violent activity.

In response to the above allegations, all Field Offices and Legats on 7/14/78 were instructed to search indices for information pertaining to the allegations and to secure any files located. Those offices furnishing positive responses will be requested to conduct a thorough review of the files for information relative to the allegations.

Existing FBIHQ files pertinent to the inquiry include the Headquarter's informant file on Rowe, [ ] a copy of the Birmingham informant file, [ ] the file concerning the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, aka. BAPBOM, 157-1025; the file on the bombing of the [ ] residence, 157-1011; the file on the murder of Viola G. Liuzzo, 44-28601.

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It is requested that the Criminal Investigative Division (CID) at FBIHQ undertake a review of the above-described Headquarters files and any other files determined to be relevant to the allegations. This review should be conducted to determine the following:

1. Any information to indicate Rowe ever furnished any information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the Birmingham riots.

2. Any information that Rowe was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church.

3. Any information Rowe was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the [ ] residence.

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4. Any information Rowe was more deeply involved or admitted further involvement in the Liuzzo killing other than his testimony reflects or that the Departmental attorneys who prosecuted the matter were furnished any information as to Rowe's "unreliable and/or criminal acts." It is noted Rowe maintainsthat he was a passenger in the vehicle used by Klansmen who shot Liuzzo but denies having fired a weapon.

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5. (a) Identify each instance where Rowe reported planned violence in advance to include when the information was received, who received it, whether it was disseminated, to whom it was disseminated, the date of dissemination and the manner of dissemination.

(b) Identify any instructions given to Rowe, particularly as to his conduct or degree of involvement regarding participation in or instigation of acts of violence. Identify who issued the instructions, when they were issued and how they were recorded.

(c) These items should be identified by type of communication, date, page number and identity of Agent who prepared the communication.

6. Any information indicating irregularities in Rowe's activities or the Bureau's handling of Rowe as an informant.

7. Determine the total number of serials in the pertinent files and insure all are accounted for. If any are missing, include appropriate explanation.

8. Identify each and every past or present Agent having had contact with Rowe after January, 1963, and where past Agents are involved, furnish their current whereabouts if known. This should include the time period for dates of contacts, location of contacts and purpose of contacts.

9. Identify any other persons within the law enforcement community who had contact with Rowe after January, 1963, to include the time period for dates of contacts, location of contacts and purpose of contacts.

In addition, it is requested that the CID prepare a chronological summary of Rowe's association with the Bureau to include any travel and events pertinent to the inquiry from the time the FBI first contacted Rowe to the present.

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FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

There are currently two pending civil actions against the Bureau regarding Rowe's activity while an informant with the FBI. It is requested the Legal Counsel Division summarize these suits to include the nature of the allegation within the suits and their current status.

The above items should be reported on separate FD-302's summarizing the information obtained as to each category but containing sufficient detail to allow for a thorough review by OPR, FBIHQ, and OPR, DOJ. Any questions as to the relevance of information should be resolved in favor of inclusion.

The above investigation has been discussed with Mr. Shaheen who approves this method of conducting the inquiry. Due to the expediency of the inquiry, it is requested the above investigation be completed by 8/1/78.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That you approve of the CID conducting the above-requested investigation.

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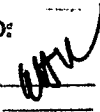

2. That you approve of the Legal Counsel Division conducting the above-requested investigation.

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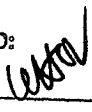

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3. That CID and Legal Counsel submit the results of their investigations to OPR, FBIHQ.

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4. That OPR, FBI, compile the data received from CID, Legal Counsel and the Field into a report to be furnished to OPR, DOJ.

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## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Colwell

DATE: 7/20/78

FROM : T. J. Biamonte

1 - Mr. Biamonte

1 - [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

SAC Kirkpatrick, Birmingham, called Supervisor [REDACTED] OPR, FBI, on 7/20/78 to advise that he had learned Thomas H. Henderson, Jr., Chief, Public Integrity Section, Criminal Division, DOJ, would be in Birmingham on 7/21 through 24/78 for the purpose of contacting the Birmingham Police Department. According to SAC Kirkpatrick, the alleged purpose of Henderson's visit to Birmingham was to obtain information concerning Rowe and may possibly be related to his involvement in the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing.

Supervisor [REDACTED] subsequently contacted Joseph Gross, Associate Counsel, OPR, DOJ, who advised that he was unaware of Henderson's impending visit to Birmingham and stated he would bring the matter to Mr. Shaheen's attention.

The above was brought to the attention of Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel, OPR, DOJ, during the afternoon of 7/20/78. Mr. Shaheen stated that Henderson worked for Phillip Heymann and was not surprised by his presence in Birmingham. Mr. Shaheen stated that Heymann had previously requested all FBI files be furnished to him; however, after a contact between Mr. Adams and Mr. Civiletti, the request was denied. Mr. Shaheen suggested that should Heymann or Henderson contact the Birmingham Office for assistance or information, his request should be brought to Mr. Adams' or Mr. Shaheen's attention prior to compliance with it.

It is noted SAC Birmingham previously advised he would contact FBIHQ should Heymann make contact with the Office

RECOMMENDATION:

None; for information.

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Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel  
Office of Professional Responsibility, DOJ  
Director, FBI

July 20, 1978

1 - Mr. Biamonte  
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1 - Mr. Mintz  
1 - Mr. Moore

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

*Biamonte*

This letter is to confirm conversation between you and Supervisor  Office of Professional Responsibility, FBI, on July 19, 1978.

As discussed with you, proposal for the preliminary investigation into the matter involving Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., would include a request that the Field conduct an indices search for references pertinent to the allegations concerning Rowe. Those Offices having material will be requested to secure the material and, thereafter, conduct a thorough review of the material for any information pertinent to this inquiry.

As we discussed, the allegations concerning Rowe are summarized as follows:

a. Rowe himself claims to have killed a black man during the riots in Birmingham in 1963. He also claims to have reported the incident to his contacting Agent.

b. Rowe is suspected of being directly involved in the bombing of the 18th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham on September 15, 1963, although he denies the allegation.

c. Rowe is suspected of being directly involved in the bombing of the residence of  on September 8, 1963, although he denies the allegation.

d. Rowe was allegedly responsible for the shooting of Mrs. Viola G. Linzzo in Lowndes County, Alabama, on March 25, 1965, and Departmental attorneys who prosecuted this matter are alleged to have had knowledge of Rowe's "unreliable and/or criminal acts."

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Mr. Michael J. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel  
Office of Professional Responsibility, DOJ

c. Rowe is alleged to have participated in or instigated acts of violence while in the Klan, informed the Bureau of the acts before they occurred and allegedly nothing was done to curtail the violent activity.

Upon completion of a review of the information available at FBI Headquarters by the Criminal Investigative Division and of the information in the field by the various Field Divisions, a report will be submitted to you setting forth the results of this review. After submission of this report, we will consider steps to be taken in any additional investigation necessary, such as further file reviews or interviews of persons having had contact with Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., who may have information relevant to this inquiry.

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## memorandum

DATE: JUL 20 1978

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: OPRSUBJECT: Assistant Attorney General Heymann's Memorandum of  
July 18, 1978TO: Thomas J. Biamonte, Inspector-Deputy  
Assistant Director  
Office of Professional Responsibility  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

*Biamonte*  
[Redacted]  
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Yesterday, Deputy Counsel Rogers and Special Agent [Redacted] had a telephone conversation pertaining to the above captioned memorandum, which summarized what was discussed at a meeting between [Redacted] Mr. Heymann and others. [Redacted] requested that we furnish to you a memorandum discussing the effect of Mr. Heymann's memo on the scope of the Rowe inquiry.

*GARY ROGERS*  
We have carefully reviewed the Heymann memo and do not see how it in any way affects the scope of the current inquiry, which is to review for improper conduct the Bureau's handling of Rowe from the time he became an informant until the time the Bureau terminated its relationship with him and to determine whether Department attorneys who tried the Liuzzo case knew or suspected that Mr. Rowe was allegedly an unreliable witness.

*Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.*

Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel  
Office of Professional Responsibility

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*cc dt. [unclear], OPR*  
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TO DIRECTOR (PRIORITY)

ATTN: OPR, ROOM 7650

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U N C L A S

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY

REBUAIRTEL TO ALL SACS, DATED JULY 14TH, 1978 AND NYTELCALL  
TO BUREAU, DATED JULY 17TH, 1978.

NEW YORK INDICES CONTAIN NO IDENTICAL REFERENCE TO GARY  
THOMAS ROWE, JR., AKA, TOMMY ROWE, THOMAS NEIL MOORE

DOB AUGUST 15TH, 1930 OR AUGUST 15TH,

1933, POB SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, FBI NUMBER 921 500B.

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NEW YORK FILE 44-1140 CAPTIONED WILLIAM

ORRVILLE EATON; VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO-

VICTIM, CR-ELECTION LAWS" IS IDENTICAL TO WILLIAM

ORRVILLE EATON, GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.;

VIOLA LIUZZO-VICTIM, CR-ELECTION LAWS, VICTIM.

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NEW YORK REFERENCE 157-1883-1B2(3) IDENTICAL TO WILLIAM ORRVILLE EATON AND [REDACTED]

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NEW YORK 157-950 IS IDENTICAL TO BAPBOMB, BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 1978, IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

NEW YORK INDICES CONTAIN NO IDENTICAL REFERENCE TO THE BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED] SEPTEMBER 8TH, 1978. NEW YORK FILES 100-16785 AND 100-28627 APPEAR TO BE IDENTICAL TO [REDACTED]

NEW YORK INDICES CONTAIN NUMEROUS OTHER REFERENCES TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THESE OTHER REFERENCES DO NOT APPEAR TO BE IDENTICAL TO PERSONS NAMED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

THE FOLLOWING FILES (NINE VOLUMES) HAVE BEEN COLLECTED AND SECURED IN NEW YORK BULKY EXHIBIT SECTION REFERENCED TO FILE NUMBERS:

44-1140

157-1883

157-950

100-16785

100-28627

THE FOLLOWING FILES AND REFERENCES WERE DESTROYED:



PAGE THREE U N C L A S

91-3363 REGARDING [REDACTED]

87-0-5681, 62-0-35121, 15-53567 AND 100-0-132877 REGARDING

[REDACTED]  
100-0-132877 REGARDING [REDACTED]

88-9498, 64-149, 15-3447 REGARDING [REDACTED]

88-1873 REGARDING [REDACTED]

100-10711 REGARDING [REDACTED]

65-14920 REGARDING WILLIAM EATON

THE ABOVE WAS SENT TO THE BUREAU.

EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT GRANTED NEW YORK BY REFERENCED  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: OPR, Room 7650)

FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH [REDACTED] (C)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

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Re Bureau teletype to all offices dated 7/14/78,  
and Savannah teletype to Bureau dated 7/17/78.

On [REDACTED] (protect identity per  
request since she feels that to disclose her identity might  
expose her to physical danger), [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was interviewed by SA's [REDACTED] and  
[REDACTED] and provided the following information:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Director's Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 7/24/78

FROM : L. COLWELL

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

## PURPOSE:

To furnish you a response to your inquiry concerning investigation into the allegations pertaining to Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr.

## DETAILS:

In response to your inquiry, the Criminal Investigative Division, the Office of Professional Responsibility, and SAC, Birmingham, were previously advised that no one who may have been involved in the chain of events involving Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., should take part in the current inquiry.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Biamonte
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APPROVED: *[Signature]*

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

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MR. ADAMS \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
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MR. BASSETT \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
MR. COCHRAN \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
MR. COLWELL \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
MR. CREGAR \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
MR. JOSEPH \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
MR. KELLEHER \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
MR. KENT \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
MR. LONG \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
MR. MINTZ \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
MR. MOORE \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
MR. BOYNTON \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
MR. BRUEMMER \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
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SEE ME \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
NOTE AND RETURN \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
PREPARE REPLY \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
SEND MEMO TO ATTORNEY GENERAL \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
FOR YOUR RECOMMENDATION \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
WHAT ARE THE FACTS? \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
HOLD \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

REMARKS:

Because dates involved of  
assume no out in the  
investigative procedure outlined in  
your memo would have been  
involved in the chain at the time -  
Please verify

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Director of FBI  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND INSPECTION  
 DIVISION, OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (62-2366)

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
 FORMER CLAN INFORMANT  
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel dated 7/20/78.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies each of three separate FD302s concerning the information requested in re communication.

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 1-San Diego

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATT: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND  
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FROM: SAN DIEGO (66-2366)

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription July 25, 1978

A review of the files in the San Diego Division identified the following instances wherein agents assigned to the San Diego Division had contact with GARY THOMAS ROWE after January, 1963:

On August 18, 1966, ROWE reported to Special Agent (SA) [redacted] currently assigned to the El Paso Division, that ROWE's apartment had been burglarized. According to ROWE, nothing was missing. No further action was taken in this matter.

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On October 24, 1967, ROWE under the name of THOMAS NEIL MOORE was interviewed at San Diego by SA [redacted]. At that time, MOORE was a Deputy U.S. Marshal and there was an allegation that he had assaulted [redacted]. ROWE was interviewed concerning the allegations of the assault.

On December 7, 1970, at San Diego, California, ROWE was interviewed by former Special Agent in Charge (SAC) CLARK BROWN who is presently retired and living in the [redacted] area. ROWE appeared at the San Diego Office and was complaining about his treatment by the Department of Justice and the U.S. Marshal's Office. ROWE was unemployed at that time.

On February 21, 1975, ROWE was again interviewed at San Diego, California, by former SAC CLARK BROWN. At this time ROWE appeared at the office and furnished information concerning his manuscript for the book which he had written.

On December 15, 1975, ROWE, along with his attorney, [redacted] appeared at the San Diego Office at which time he was interviewed by SAC ARTHUR G. BARGER, currently assigned to the Portland Division and former SAC RONALD L. MALEY, who is retired and living in [redacted]. At that time ROWE expressed concern that [redacted]

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[redacted] As a result of a teletype sent to FBI Headquarters and their reply, ROWE was recontacted telephonically by [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] /kek Date dictated 7/25/78

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former SAC RONALD L. MALEY on December 17, 1978.

On October 18, 1976, ROWE as THOMAS NEIL MOORE appeared at the San Diego Office and was interviewed by Assistant Office Services Manager (AOSM) [REDACTED]. At that time, MOORE was making a complaint wherein he was the victim of a Civil Rights case concerning the Chula Vista, California, Police Department.

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On November 1, 1976, ROWE was interviewed in the presence of his attorney, [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who has since resigned and is living in the state of Idaho, along with SA [REDACTED] who is currently assigned to the Houston Division. The purpose of this interview was to take MOORE's statement as a victim of a Civil Rights complaint involving a Chula Vista, California, Police Department.

The files of the San Diego Division failed to reflect any other contacts with GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription July 25, 1978

A review of the files in the San Diego Division failed to locate any information which would indicate that GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., ever furnished any information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the Birmingham riots, that he was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, that he was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the [redacted] residence and any information that he was more deeply involved or admitted further involvement in the LIUZZO killing.

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These files did not contain any information concerning ROWE reporting the planned violence and he was never given any instructions in this regard by anyone within the San Diego Division.

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by SA [redacted] /kek Date dictated 7/25/78

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The files of the San Diego Division were reviewed concerning any other person within the law enforcement community who had contact with ROWE after January of 1963. These files reflect the following information:

On July 14, 1966, NEIL MOORE and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were in an argument and there was an allegation of MOORE displaying a weapon. This incident was investigated by the Chula Vista Police Department who interviewed MOORE. It was noted at that time that MOORE was employed as a Deputy U.S. Marshal.

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On October 19, 1967, information was received that while employed as a Deputy U.S. Marshal, THOMAS NEIL MOORE pulled his weapon and pointed it at a California Highway Patrol Officer who was in full uniform and driving a marked vehicle.

The files of the San Diego Division contained no further references concerning ROWE and his contacts with the law enforcement community other than his employment and his problems with his employer while working as a Deputy U.S. Marshal.

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by SA [REDACTED] /kek Date dictated 7/25/78

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Date 7/25/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND  
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FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (62-3209) (RUC)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re FBIHQ airtel, dated 7/20/78; and Portland teletype  
to FBIHQ, 7/17/78.

A review of limited amount of information in possession  
of FBI, Portland, revealed no information pertaining to the nine  
items enumerated in referenced Bureau airtel.

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Date 7/25/78

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - PLANNING AND  
INSPECTION DIVISION, OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL  
RESPONSIBILITY

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (62-1833)(RUC)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel 7/20/78; and Milwaukee teletype to  
the Bureau, 7/17/78.

Referenced Milwaukee teletype set forth that only two  
references pertaining in any manner to captioned subject remain  
in Milwaukee files. This material once again reviewed and found  
to contain absolutely no information pertinent to present  
administrative inquiry.

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ASAC

H. J. [Signature]

[Signature]

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1 - Milwaukee  
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Date 7/25/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND  
INSPECTION DIVISION,  
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (66-3113)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel, dated 7/20/78.

Enclosed are four (4) copies of an FD-302 prepared  
by SA  at Omaha, Nebraska.

Inasmuch as the Omaha Division has no information  
in its files concerning ROWE, only one FD-302 was prepared.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription July 25, 1978

Omaha file captioned "BAPBOMB" was reviewed and the name GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., was not set forth in this file nor was any mention of him made. This file contains three serials which originated in the Birmingham Office and were sent to each continental office. The first was dated September 18, 1963, and the last was dated September 29, 1963. The only investigation conducted by Omaha was the contact of confidential informants and sources in an attempt to develop information leading to the solution of the "BAPBOMB" and related bombing cases. No positive information was developed by the Omaha Division and the Birmingham Office was so advised by Omaha airtel, dated October 15, 1963.

There are four serials in the Omaha Division "BAPBOMB" file and they are all accounted for.

Interviewed on 7/25/78 at Omaha, Nebraska File # OM 66-3113

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FM SAN ANTONIO (157-251) (RUC)

TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

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ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE PLANNING AND INSPECTION  
DIVISION, OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.  
GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL JULY 20, 1978.

A REVIEW OF SAN ANTONIO FILES REFLECTS NO INFORMATION  
REGARDING THE ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING FORMER KLAN INFORMANT,  
GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AND THE BUREAU'S HANDLING OF HIM AS  
OUTLINED IN RE BUREAU AIRTEL.

NO FD-302S BEING SUBMITTED, UACB.

COST DATA RELATING TO THIS INQUIRY INCLUDES TWO HOURS 4 AUG 21 1978  
FOR ONE GS-13 SPECIAL AGENT AND ONE HOUR FOR ONE GS-4  
CLERK STENOGRAPHER.

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Date 7/26/78

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND INSPECTION DIVISION, OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (62-7535) (RUC) (SQUAD 15)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel to Chicago and other offices,  
dated 7/20/78.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine (9)  
original FD-302s, plus four (4) copies of each in response  
to the requests set forth in referenced airtel.

In addition, with regard to cost data requested,  
in the Chicago Division this inquiry occupied 16 hours of  
one Special Agent's time (GS-13, Step 10).

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② - Bureau (Enc. 45)  
1 - Chicago  
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ENCLOSURES (45) TO THE BUREAU

FROM SAC, CHICAGO (62-7535)

RE: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau  
are 9 original FD-302s, plus four  
copies of each in response to the requests  
set forth in referenced airtel.

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to Bureau, 7/26/78.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/26/781

Chicago Division files 80-255-804, 157-243, 157-400 Sub A-3, 157-615, 157-622 and 197-4 Sub A, page 510, were reviewed on June 24 and June 25, 1978.

The above files contained no information to identify any other persons within the law enforcement community who had contact with GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., a former FBI informant, after January, 1963.

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Interviewed on 7/25/78 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 62-7535  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/26/781

Chicago Division files 80-255-804, 157-243, 157-400 Sub A-3, 157-615, 157-622 and 197-4 Sub A, page 510, were reviewed on June 24 and June 25, 1978.

The above files contained no information to identify any Special Agents, past or present, as having had contact with GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., a former FBI informant, after January, 1963.

Interviewed on 7/25/78 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 62-7535  
by SA  RWC/cjy Date dictated 7/26/78

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/26/781

Chicago Division files 80-255-804, 157-243, 157-400 Sub A-3, 157-615, 157-622, and 197-4 Sub A, page 510, were reviewed on June 24 and June 25, 1978.

Contained in the above files are a total of fifty-three (53) serials. No serials are missing from any of the files and they are being retained in the safe in the office of ASAC JAMES W. GREENLEAF. An administrative custodial control log is being maintained with the files to account for any of them being removed and/or returned to the safe.

Interviewed on 7/25/78 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 62-7535  
by SA  RWG/cjy Date dictated 7/26/78

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/26/781

Chicago Division files 80-255-804, 157-243, 157-400 Sub A-3, 157-615, 157-622, and 197-4 Sub A, page 510, were reviewed on June 24 and June 25, 1978.

The above files contained no information indicating irregularities in the activities of GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., a former FBI informant, or in the Bureau's handling of ROWE as an informant.

Interviewed on 7/25/78 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 62-7535  
by SA  RWG/cjy Date dictated 7/26/78

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

7/26/78

Date of transcription \_\_\_\_\_

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Chicago Division files 80-255-804, 157-243, 157-400 Sub A-3, 157-615, 157-622 and 197-4 Sub A, page 510, were reviewed on June 24 and June 25, 1978.

The above files contained no information to identify any specific instances where GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., reported planned violence in advance. Chicago file serial 80-255-804, which is entitled "EXCERPTS OF REMARKS MADE BY ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR -- DEPUTY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR JAMES B. ADAMS TESTIFYING BEFORE THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE PERTAINING TO THE KU KLUX KLAN, GARY ROWE, FORMER FBI INFORMANT, AND PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS OF THE FBI TO PREVENT VIOLENCE, DECEMBER 2, 1976," indicated on pages 1 and 2 that [REDACTED]

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by SA [REDACTED] RWG/cjy Date dictated 7/26/78

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/26/781

Chicago Division files 80-255-804, 157-243, 157-400 Sub A-3, 157-615, 157-622 and 197-4 Sub A, page 510, were reviewed on June 24 and June 25, 1978.

The above files contained no information to indicate that GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., a former FBI informant, was more deeply involved in or admitted further involvement in the killing of VIOLA G. LIUZZO other than his testimony reflects, or that the Departmental attorneys who prosecuted the matter were furnished as to ROWE's "unreliable and/or criminal acts."

Interviewed on 7/25/78 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 62-7535  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Chicago Division files 80-255-804, 157-243, 157-400 Sub A-3, 157-615, 157-622 and 197-4 Sub A, page 510, were reviewed on June 24 and June 25, 1978.

The above files contained no information to indicate that GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., a former FBI informant was involved in or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the [ ] residence in [ ]

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Interviewed on 7/25/78 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 62-7535  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/26/78

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Chicago Division files 80-255-804, 157-243, 157-400 Sub A-3, 157-615, 157-622, and 197-4 Sub A, page 510, were reviewed on June 24 and June 25, 1978.

The above files contained no information to indicate that GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., a former FBI informant was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

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Interviewed on 7/25/78 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 62-7535  
by SA  RWG/cjy Date dictated 7/26/78

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Chicago Division files 80-255-804, 157-243, 157-400 Sub A-3, 157-615, 157-622, and 197-4 Sub A, page 510, were reviewed on June 24 and June 25, 1978.

The above files contained no information to indicate that GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., a former FBI informant, ever furnished any information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the riots in Birmingham, Alabama.

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Interviewed on 7/25/78 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 62-7535  
by SA  RWG/cjy Date dictated 7/26/78

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Date 7/26/78

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTN: Director of Planning and Inspection  
Division, Office of Professional Responsibility

FROM:

SAC, NEW ORLEANS (66-2950) - RUC -

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
Former Klan Informant  
Administrative InquiryRe Bureau teletype 7/14/78; New Orleans  
teletype 7/17/78 and Bureau airtel 7/20/78.References contained in New Orleans files  
have been reviewed and do not contain any information  
pertinent to item set forth, pages two, three, of  
re Bureau airtel 7/20/78.

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3 - Bureau  
1 - New Orleans  
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Date 7/26/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: ~~ASSISTANT~~ ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND  
INSPECTION DIVISION, OFFICE OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (62-2758) (RUC)

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY  
(OO: BUREAU)

Re Bureau airtel to Albany dated 7/20/78.

Buffalo Office general indices, special informant indices and logical file references concerning captioned matter were reviewed on 7/25/78.

Indices reviews were conducted by Office Services Manager (OSM) [redacted] and included all logical Klan-type references. All possible file references located were personally reviewed by SA [redacted]

No positive information pertaining to requests enumerated in referenced airtel were located.

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1 - Buffalo

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☐ CLEAR

Date 7/26/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE  
 PLANNING AND INSPECTION DIVISION,  
 OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (62-2243) (RUC)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re EP priority teletype to Bureau, 7/17/78; Bureau airtel to EP, 7/20/78.

All the serials described in El Paso priority teletype to Bureau, dated 7/17/78, were reviewed by SA [redacted] as to types of data and criteria set forth in Bureau airtel dated 7/20/78. No information could be located in described serials meeting the criteria set forth in Bureau airtel.

The El Paso Division has spent three hours, at Grade 12, one hour at Grade 5, and one hour at Grade 4, in completing work described in El Paso priority teletype to Bureau dated 7/17/78, and in the work described in this communication.

② - Bureau  
 1 - El Paso  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*[Signature]*  
Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dep. AD Inv. \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. Dir.: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Director's Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

TO : The Director

DATE: 7/27/78

FROM : *[Signature]* Lee Colwell

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

*Biamonte*

## PURPOSE:

To advise you of an extension in the deadline for submission of the results of file reviews concerning this inquiry.

## DETAILS:

The Birmingham Division and the Criminal Investigative Division have advised that the 8/1/78 deadline for submission of the results of the reviews requested will put an unreasonable demand on available manpower and resources. This is due to the large volume of files to be reviewed and the need to complete other pressing matters. In addition, to insure accuracy in the reviews, it is not desirable to set a deadline that may be construed as unreasonable.

On 7/27/78 Richard M. Rogers, Deputy Counsel, Office of Professional Responsibility, Department of Justice, advised he had no objections to extending the deadline. On 7/27/78 S. S. Mignosa, Section Chief, Domestic Security and Terrorism Section, Criminal Investigative Division and SAC Leroy R. Kirkpatrick, Birmingham, were advised the requested information should be submitted to OPR, FBI, by August 7, 1978, without fail.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Biamonte
- 1 -

APPROVED: *[Signature]*

Director \_\_\_\_\_  
Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
☐ E F T O  
☐ CLEAR

Date 7/27/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND INSPECTION  
 DIVISION, OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (62-2148) (RUC)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, 7/20/78, and Louisville teletype to Bureau, 7/17/78.

As previously reported in referenced Louisville teletype to Bureau, 7/17/78, files of the Louisville Division contain no information identifiable with GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., under true name, aliases, symbol number, or code name.

Accordingly, no information is contained in Louisville Division files indicative of the fact that ROWE ever furnished any information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the Birmingham riots, that ROWE was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, that ROWE was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the [redacted] residence, that ROWE was more deeply involved or admitted further involvement in the LIUZZO killing as well as to ROWE's "unreliable and/or criminal acts".

Only reference to captioned matter located in Louisville Division files is BAPBOMB (LS 157-171) as previously reported in referenced Louisville teletype to Bureau, 7/17/78. Thorough review of BAPBOMB file failed to disclose any non-indexed data identifiable with GARY THOMAS ROWE.

② - Bureau  
 1 - Louisville  
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NSA-LS 157-171

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☐ CLEAR

Date 7/27/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE PLANNING AND  
 INSPECTION DIVISION, OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RE-  
 SONSIBILITY)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (62-2641) (C)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel to Albany dated 7/20/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the originals and  
 eight copies each of three FD-302s pertaining to a review  
 of Springfield File 157-231 captioned "BAPBOMB", a review  
 of Springfield File 157-3957, captioned    
  EM - BPP", and a review of the two files accounting  
 for all serials in above-mentioned files.

No further investigation being conducted by  
 Springfield at this time.

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 1 - Springfield (62-2641)

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription July 27, 1978A review of the Springfield file concerning b6  
b7c No mention of GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
was found in this review.The following description of  is set forth:

Race: Negro  
Sex: Male  
Date of Birth:  
Place of Birth:  
Hair:  
Weight:  
Height:  
Build:  
Education:  
Scars and Marks:

Father:

Federal Bureau of  
Investigation Number:  
Last Known Address in  
1974:

Investigation on 7/27/78 at Springfield, Illinois File # SI 62-2541by SA  /bbs Date dictated 7/27/78

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A review of the Springfield file concerning the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church on September 15, 1963 in Birmingham, Alabama, determined that Springfield conducted numerous interviews requested by the Birmingham Office in connection with possible bombing suspects. Nowhere in this file is there any mention of GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. and no investigation was conducted by Springfield in reference to any information supplied by ROWE in 1963 and 1964.

Investigation on 7/27/78 at Springfield, Illinois File # SI 62-2641  
by SA TJR /bbs Date dictated 7/27/78

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A review of Springfield file concerning [ ]  
[ ] determined this file consisted of Serials  
1 through 20 with all serials accounted for. This file  
also includes a photograph of [ ]

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A review of the Springfield file concerning the  
bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church on September 15,  
1963 in Birmingham, Alabama, determined this file consists  
of Serials 1 through 28 with all serials accounted for.  
This file also includes a photograph of ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS  
that was sent to Springfield by the Birmingham Office in  
1964 for coverage of a lead.

Investigation on 7/27/78 at Springfield, Illinois File # SI 62-2641  
by SA T.12 [ ] /bbs Date dictated 7/27/78

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Date 7/27/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: *JK* Assistant Director of Planning  
and Inspection Division  
Office of Professional Responsibility

FROM: *JME* SAC, SEATTLE (62-3116)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

ReBuAT to Albany, 7/20/78.

Seattle has conducted a review of indices and files possibly relating to subject. Seattle has located only two files. One file contains nine serials pertaining to a non-violent sympathy march for Mrs. VIOLA LUIZZO (SE 157-435). The second file (SE 157-271) concerns "BAPBOM" and consists of five serials.

None of the above files relate to the items requested in referenced Bureau airtel, therefore, no FD 302s are being submitted, UACB.

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1 - Seattle  
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Date 7/27/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND INSPECTION  
 DIVISION, OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (62-3744) (RUC)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY  
 BUDED 8/1/78

Re Bureau airtel dated 7/20/78.

Enclosed for FBIHQ are two copies each of 302s covering items 4, 7, and 8 enumerated in referenced Bureau airtel.

No information could be located concerning items 1, 2, 3, 5(a) - (c), 6, and 9 in referenced airtel. Concerning item 8, the Bureau's attention is directed to Bureau airtel to SAC, Albany, dated 10/14/76, entitled "BAPBOMB," Bureau file 157-1025. Pages two and three of that airtel contain the names of former Special Agents assigned to the Birmingham Office during the BAPBOMB investigation. It does not, however, indicate if contact was had with ROWE.

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③ - Bureau (Encs. - 6) **ENCLOSURE**  
 1 - Pittsburgh  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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A review of the records of the Pittsburgh Office of the FBI contain an article from the Washington Observer dated April 22, 1965. The article, a Washington AP item, is entitled "Liuzzo Case Example," "FBI Uses Informers to Get Needed Data." A photograph of GARY T. ROWE accompanies the article and contains the following caption:

"Undercover Agent for the FBI? - The New York Times said Wednesday that Gary T. Rowe, one of the four men originally charged in the slaying of civil rights worker Mrs. Viola Liuzzo in Alabama, has been an undercover informant for the FBI reporting on Ku Klux Klan activities for six years. Charges against him were dropped and he was released." The article itself dealt with informants generally and ROWE's name was only mentioned in passing.

The Washington Observer is a daily newspaper serving the Washington, Pennsylvania area.

Interviewed on 7/26/78 at Pittsburgh, PA File # PG 62-3744

by SA [redacted] /ler Date dictated 7/26/78

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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7/27/78

Date of transcription

A review of the records of the Pittsburgh Office of the FBI contain one serial (two pages) on GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., and 12 serials (22 pages) on the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama on September 15, 1963 (BAPBOMB). Another file on BAPBOMB (PG 157-234) was destroyed as a result of the file destruction program in December, 1977.

Appropriate measures have been taken to insure the preservation of existing records.

Interviewed on 7/26/78 at Pittsburgh, PA File # PG 62-3744

by SA [redacted]ler Date dictated 7/26/78

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Records of the Pittsburgh Office of the FBI indicate that former Special Agent [redacted] was assigned to the Birmingham Office of the FBI during 1963-1964, and may have been in contact with GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

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[redacted] was contacted telephonically and he advised he never had any contact with ROWE. He stated he was aware of ROWE's informant status and recalls ROWE was handled by Special Agent McFALL.

Interviewed on 7/26/78 at Pittsburgh, PA File # PG 62-3744  
by SA [redacted] /ler Date dictated 7/26/78

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Date 7/27/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLANNING  
AND INSPECTION DIVISION,  
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (157-0)

RE: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Butel, 7/14/78 and Buairtel, 7/20/78 and  
CO tel to Bureau 7/17/78.

As noted in referenced Columbia teletype, the Columbia Office was opened in 12/65 and has not conducted any active investigation concerning information furnished by ROWE nor has this office had any contact with ROWE.

A review of Columbia Office files reveals the following concerning the questions asked in referenced Bureau airtel:

1. No information contained in the files to indicate that ROWE had furnished information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the Birmingham riots.

2. No information in the files that ROWE was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham.

3. No information in the files to indicate that ROWE was involved or admitted involvement in the bombing of the residence.

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4. No information in the files concerning ROWE being involved in the LIUZZO killing.

5. a. No information in the files to indicate that ROWE reported any planned violence.

b. No information in the files to indicate that ROWE received instructions as to his conduct or degree of involvement regarding participation in or acts of violence.

c. Not applicable.

6. No information indicating irregularities in ROWE's activities.

7. Columbia Division has no serials or records concerning the above six inquiries made by the Bureau.

8. No information in the files that any Agent of the Columbia Division, past or present, has had contact with ROWE.

9. No information in the Columbia Division that any persons with the law enforcement community has had contact with ROWE at any time.

Inasmuch as the Columbia Division has no information in the files concerning the above 9 points, no FD 302s are being submitted.

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Date 7/28/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND  
 INSPECTION DIVISION, OPR)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (62-2522) (RUC)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, 7/20/78 and Albany teletype  
 to the Bureau, 7/17/78.

Albany File 157-65 (BAPBOMB) and Albany File 100-20218  
 (Freedom and Peace Party) contained no reference to GARY  
 THOMAS ROWE, therefore can contribute no information relevant to  
 inquiries contained in referenced Bureau airtel to Albany.  
 Albany will continue to secure the above two files, UACB.

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Date 7/28/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE PLANNING AND  
INSPECTION DIVISION, OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL  
RESPONSIBILITY)

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (62-1095) (RUC)

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel to Albany dated 7/20/78, and Norfolk  
teletype to Bureau dated 7/17/78.

Information in possession of Norfolk does not show any  
information pertaining to issues set forth in paragraphs numbered  
1 through 9 in referenced Bureau airtel. In view of this and  
the information set forth in referenced Norfolk teletype, Norfolk  
taking no further action in this matter and considers it RUC.

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Date 7/28/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,  
 PLANNING AND INSPECTION DIVISION,  
 OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA 

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Reference Bureau teletype to Tampa dated 7/15/78,  
 and Tampa teletype to the Bureau dated 7/18/78, and Bureau  
 airtel to Tampa dated 7/20/78.

As previously reported, the only file pertinent  
 to this administrative inquiry is Tampa file 157-856, a  
 main case file captioned "BAPBOMB, BOMBING OF THE 16TH  
 STREET CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963," in Birmingham,  
 Alabama. A review of this file failed to disclose any  
 information that ROWE was involved or admitted to involve-  
 ment in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in  
 Birmingham.

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In view of the above, no items are being  
 reported on separate FD-302's pertaining to this category.

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 1 - Tampa

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Date 7/28/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (66-4033) (RUC) ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY  
 OFFICE OF THE PLANNING &  
 INSPECTION DIV.  
 OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL  
 RESPONSIBILITY

RE: Bureau airtel, 7/20/78.

A review of the records of the New Haven  
 Office revealed no information responsive to the  
 inquiries made in referenced communication.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Telephone Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Director's Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

TO : The Director

DATE: 7/28/78

FROM : Lee Colwell

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

*Biamonte*

## PURPOSE:

To forward information concerning contacts by persons outside the Bureau with Special Agent [redacted] Philadelphia Division, concerning Rowe.

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## DETAILS:

At 9:30 a.m., 7/28/78, SAC Welch, Philadelphia Division, telephonically advised that [redacted] currently a Supervisor in the Philadelphia Office, had received several contacts concerning the Gary Thomas Rowe matter.

It is noted [redacted] was the contact agent for Rowe during the period of time when Viola G. Liuzzo was killed and guarded Rowe following the murder. In addition [redacted] was present when Rowe told Departmental attorney John Doar that the witness allegedly in the car with Liuzzo when she was killed was not the same man Rowe had seen in the car.

Welch stated [redacted] received calls from the news media to which he had responded with no comment.

Welch advised [redacted] had been contacted by a Counsel from the Senate Select Committee concerning his testimony before the Committee regarding Rowe in 1975. The Counsel indicated that Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel, Office of Professional Responsibility, U. S. Department of Justice, had requested [redacted] testimony and the Counsel asked if [redacted] would

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Memorandum Lee Colwell to The Director  
RE: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

agree to its release. [ ] noted he had never seen his testimony himself and asked that he be furnished with a copy for review before any release agreement was made. The Counsel declined but indicated [ ] could travel to Washington and review it if he desired to do so. Mr. Welch stated he planned to request authority for [ ] travel to Washington for that purpose by written communication.

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Welch also advised [ ] had been contacted by Departmental Attorney Turner. Welch was not aware of the reason for or the content of any conversation [ ] had with Turner. He stated he believed Turner was involved in the Liuzzo case.

Richard Rogers, Deputy Counsel, Office of Professional Responsibility, Department of Justice, advised the attorney referred to is Jim Turner currently Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division. He advised Turner acted as special counsel in the Liuzzo matter. Rogers stated he had no idea why Turner would have contacted [ ]

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That upon receipt of Philadelphia's request for [ ] travel to Washington it be approved.

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Director _____	Crim. Inv. _____	Plan. & Insp. <i>DR</i>
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2. That [ ] be instructed to contact the Office of Professional Responsibility, FBI, during his visit so he can be interviewed regarding his contact with Turner.

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Date 7/28/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (62-11130) (RUC)

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY  
 BUDED 8/1/78

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, 7/20/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau is an original and five  
 copies of an FD-302 by SA [redacted] dated 7/28/78.

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A thorough search of WFO general and Elsur  
 indices was made for information pertaining to GARY THOMAS  
 ROWE, JR., 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham,  
 Alabama, [redacted] and Mrs. VIOLA G. LIUZZO. Pertinent  
 files and references noted during indices search regarding  
 the above named individuals and institution were reviewed in  
 accordance with Bureau instructions set forth in referenced  
 Bureau airtel and no information applicable to the Bureau's  
 administrative inquiry was located.

WFO cost data relating to the inquiry is as follows:

a. General Indices search, [redacted] GS-5 -  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour.b. Elsur indices search conducted by [redacted]  
[redacted] GS-5 -  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour.

c. Dictation and typing, [redacted] GS-6 - 45 mins.

d. Location of files conducted by [redacted] GS-3 -  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  hour.e. File review conducted by SA [redacted]  
GS-12 - 6 hours

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A review of records maintained by the Washington Field Office (WFO), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), having been determined from a check of WFO indices, reflected the following:

1. WFO records contain no information where GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., claims to have killed a black man during the riots in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1963, nor do these records reflect that ROWE reported this incident to his contacting Agent.

2. WFO records contain no information reflecting that ROWE was suspected of being directly involved in the bombing of the 18th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on September 16, 1963.

3. WFO records contain no information reflecting that ROWE was suspected of being directly involved in the bombing of the residence of [REDACTED] on September 8, 1963.

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4. WFO records contain no information reflecting that ROWE was allegedly responsible for the shooting of Mrs. VIOLA G. LIEUTZ, in Lowndes County, Alabama, on March 25, 1965, nor do these records reflect any information that Departmental Attorneys, Department of Justice, who prosecuted this matter, to have any knowledge of ROWE's unreliable and/or criminal acts.

5. WFO records contain no information reflecting that ROWE participated in or instigated acts of violence while in the Klan; nor do these records reflect that ROWE informed the Bureau of any violent acts before they occurred.

6. WFO records contain no identifiable information regarding ROWE's activities as an informant.

7. WFO files contain no information regarding persons within the law enforcement community having contact with ROWE after January, 1963.

Interviewed on 7/27/78 at Washington, D.C. File # WFO 62-11130

by SA [REDACTED] *MA* aih Date dictated 7/28/78

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Date 7/28/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: ~~ASST~~ ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PLANNING  
AND INSPECTION DIVISION, OFFICE  
OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (62-2758) (RUC)

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY  
(OO: BUREAU)

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, 7/20/78; Buffalo airtel  
to Bureau, 7/26/78; and Bureau telcal to Buffalo, 7/28/78.

Enclosed for FBIHQ are an original and one copy of  
an FD-302 dated 7/28/78. This to conform with contents of  
referenced airtel dated 7/20/78.

2 - Bureau (Encs. - 2) (RM)  
1 - Buffalo

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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU FROM BUFFALO (2)

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY  
(OO: BUREAU)  
Buffalo file 62-2758

Original and one copy of an  
FD-302 dated 7/28/78.

Buffalo airtel dated 7/28/78.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Files of the Buffalo Office contain no information identifiable with GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., or other items pertinent to this inquiry enumerated in Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters, Washington, D.C., communication dated July 20, 1978.

Interviewed on 7/25/78 at Buffalo, New York File # Buffalo 62-2758  
by SA  rrk Date dictated 7/28/78

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Date 7/28/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE PLANNING AND  
 INSPECTION DIVISION, OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL  
 RESPONSIBILITY  
 FROM: SAC, JACKSON (66-691)  
 GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re FBIHQ teletype 7/14/78, Jackson teletype  
 7/17/78 and FBIHQ airtel to Albany and other offices  
 7/20/78.

Enclosed are two copies of FD-302 reflecting  
 review of Jackson file 157-1273, Serial 29, concerning  
 Item Number 5(b), Page 3 of referenced airtel.

A review of pertinent files as indicated in  
 referenced Jackson teletype, 7/17/78, has failed to  
 reveal any additional data as requested. As indicated  
 in above Jackson teletype, one reference concerning  
 [redacted] Negro male, born [redacted]  
 [redacted] was located. Also, Serial 6  
 of this file (42-5611) is not in file with no explanation  
 as to where located. However, it should be noted this  
 individual would have been [redacted] years old in 1963.

The pertinent files listed in Jackson teletype  
 7/17/78, are as follows:

- 1) "BAPBOMB" (Jackson file 157-1273, Bureau file  
 157-1025), 36 serials all available; 14 AUG 21 1978
- 2) [redacted] (Jackson file 157-15893),  
 serials, all available.
- 3) [redacted] (Jackson file  
 42-5611), 7 serials plus FD-487, serial 6 not  
 available. (See above explanation)

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The estimated time utilized in captioned matter is as follows:

Agent, Grade 13, 10 hours.

Support personnel, Grade 6, two hours.

Pursuant to instructions set forth in FBIHQ teletype dated 7/14/78, pertinent files mentioned herein will be collected and separated for possible future use.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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The following information was located as a result of reviewing FBI Jackson Office file 157-1273, Serial 29:

Said serial is an airtel to the Director, FBI, (157-1025) from SAC, Birmingham (157-352), dated March 5, 1965, captioned, "BAPBOMB."

This serial reports contact with several Birmingham Office sources including [ ] on February 5, 1965, concerning certain individuals. Results of above contact with [ ] was negative.

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Page 3, Paragraph 3 of above serial reflects that sources were under instructions to be alert for additional information. There is no indication by whom the instructions were issued, when they were issued or how they were recorded.

The identity of the Agent who prepared above communication is by initial only, "MLA."

File  
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by SA [ ] /gah

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (66-  
RE: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY  
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ReBuairtel to Albany dated 7/20/78.

The Newark Office has no information to report  
concerning any topics set forth in reairtel.

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Date 7/28/78

To: Director, FBI  
ATTN: OPR, Room 7650

From: SAC, Los Angeles (62-7897) (RUC) (2)

Subject: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
Former Klan Informant  
Administrative Inquiry

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, Et Al, dated 7/20/78. (X)

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and one copy of an FD-302 reflecting investigation conducted in the Los Angeles Division regarding captioned matter.

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Files available in the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were carefully reviewed concerning GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. However, no information known to be identical to ROWE could be located and no information concerning the following specific areas of inquiry could be located:

1. Information indicating ROWE ever furnished any information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the Birmingham riots.

2. Information that ROWE was involved or admitted being involved in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham.

3. Information ROWE was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the [redacted] residence.

4. Information ROWE was more deeply involved or admitted further involvement in the VIOLA LIUZZO murder or that Department of Justice attorneys who prosecuted the matter were furnished any information as to ROWE's "unreliable and/or criminal acts".

5. Information that ROWE had reported planned violence in advance and information concerning instructions given to ROWE regarding his conduct or degree of involvement regarding participation in or instigation of acts of violence.

6. Information indicating irregularities in ROWE's activities or the FBI's handling of ROWE as an informant.

7. Information concerning any contact ROWE may have had after January 1963 with any FBI Special Agent or any person within the law enforcement community.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 7/28/78